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Paul Howard

From: Paul Howard
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:28 AM
To: John Pappalardo
Subject: Draft letter to Council

Attachments: rev priorities May 11 2010.doc

John,

Please review when you get a chance. Thanks,

Paul

From: Paul Howard
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:17 AM
To: Tom Nies; 'Chris Kellogg'
Subject: Please review before I email to Council...Any comments?



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To: Council Members

Several new management actions proposed by the Council at our April meeting have been discussed by the Chair, Vice Chair and staff. So that staff can schedule committee meetings and begin work on the new taskings, the Chair has directed staff to delay action on Interspecies Committee issues so that resources can be dedicated to the development of a new Groundfish Framework and the development of two white papers (which may lead to an Amendment) as listed in the attachment. The Chair has also decided to assign the members from the Interspecies Committee to the new Groundfish Committee. There will be an agenda item for our June Council meeting to discuss these new management actions and the delay of Interspecies actions in more detail with the full Council. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Paul

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Management Actions Discussion
Revised May 11, 2010

Groundfish Committee (Old Interspecies Committee)

Prepare Framework: GB YT Rebuilding Timeframe
New Sector requests (4-5 so far)
Address Pollock following NMFS interim action
Gen Cat Scallop dredge exemption for YT in Great South Channel
Adjust ACLs for YTF as a result of scallop management program

Prepare White Papers: Allocative effects and excessive control of fishing privileges and
(May lead to Amendment) Groundfish fleet diversity

Motion 2c (4/28/10)

*Dr. Pierce moved to substitute and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
that the Groundfish Committee address allocative effects and excessive control of fishing
privileges by persons that hold ownership interests in permits or resulting from groundfish
sector ACEs as they relate to the FMPs social and economic objectives, the Council sector
management policy, the National Policy on catch share management, and requirements of
National Standard 4.*

The motion to substitute carried unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).

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Other: *GOM WF zero possession and allocation (June Agenda)
*TRAC/TMGC fall 2010 results
*Review of seasonal/rolling closures

Party and Charter Boat Limited Entry control date (June Agenda)
Permit bank issues
Accountability issues raised by NERO in A16
SAFE Report

* May be included in Framework. All others to be considered in future actions.

Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee

Prepare Amendment: Develop mechanisms to facilitate harvest of OY from 2 fisheries
(Cmte should utilize new joint AP to help develop mechanisms)

Interspecies Actions now below the line and delayed for future consideration.

Interspecies Committee

Prepare Amendment: Pursue consolidation of Multispecies, Skate and Monkfish FMPs
Prepare White Paper: Use of a programmatic EIS

2010 MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES
Approved Jan, 28, 2010 Portsmouth, NH

Committee	Action	Staff
Council	1. Prepare Amend or FW to reconsider 7 yr YT rebuilding schedule.	Tom, Anne
Monkfish/Skates	1. Prepare Amendment to set ACLs, AMs and Spec Packages (2011-2013) for Monkfish. Prepare Monkfish Amend 6 for catch shares (sectors and IFQs) after Sep 2010. Potential Skate framework in June 2010 following SSC revisiting Skate complex ABC.	Phil, Andy
Red Crab/Whiting	1. Prepare Amendments to set ACLs, AMs and Spec Packages (2011-2013) for Red Crab and Whiting. Whiting Data Poor Workshop in Dec 2010.	Andy – whiting Dick Allen, Chris – red crab
Groundfish/Scallops	1. Prepare joint Amendment to form Scallop YT bycatch sectors or other catch share mechanisms to allow YT ACE transfer.	Tom, Anne
Scallops	1. Continue A15 to set ACLs, AMs, capacity reduction, DAS leasing, transfers for LA fleet, new overfishing definition, open area trips 2. Prepare FW 22 for 2011 and 2012 measures including YT allocation and bycatch reduction measures.	Deirdre, Demet, Jess
Habitat	1. Continue Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2. Conduct EBFM Planning	Michelle, Andy
Herring	1. Continue A4 to set ACLs, AMs 2. Prepare A5 to include monitoring, mackerel, bycatch, criteria for access to closed areas, and protection of spawning aggregations.	Lori, Talia
RSC	1. Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans	Pat
Interspecies (Committee will include MAFMC leadership as members)	1. Develop Goals and Objectives, issues and recommendations to consolidate our FMPs. Also, examine our joint plans with the MAFMC and complimentary plans of ASMFC. 2. Deal with the issue of sector annual catch share entitlements as they relate to the FMP social and economic objectives to our sector management policy and the national policy on catch share management and National Standard 4 following the completion of 1.	Anne
SSC	1. Support SSC activities such as recommending ABC and making recommendations in the FMP development process.	Chris, Pat

**** Note: No specific catch share action and no limited entry for whiting.**