

2014 Council Priorities

New England Fishery Management
Council

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2013 Shortfalls

- Actions unlikely to be completed
 - Monkfish Amendment 6
- Actions delayed/postponed:
 - Whiting limited entry amendment
 - Skates limited entry amendment
 - Vessel baseline amendment (NMFS lead)
 - SBRM amendment (NMFS lead)

2014 Priorities

- List of possible tasks in binders
 - Council actions
 - Major staff tasks
- Prioritized by Executive Committee
- Several multi-year tasks:
 - EBFM
 - Monitoring (EM, fishery dependent, NEFOP)
- Tasks identified stretch the resources available

Groundfish

- Identified tasks will challenge our ability to complete them
- Cod stock structure issue moved to multi-year; limited progress this year
- Questionable whether US/CA trades should be pursued
- Do not pursue ACE trades between scallop/groundfish fisheries
- *Review catches in other fisheries, establish new sub-ACLs as necessary*

Sea Scallops

- Fold new scallop access areas into annual specification process
- Scallop stock assessment planned for June
- May not complete scallop survey review

Atlantic Herring

- Address disapproved elements of Amendment 5
- Address industry-funded ASM as part of the Omnibus ASM action proposed by NERO
- Coordinate with NERO, MAFMC, ASMFC on RH/S management

Whiting

- Complete specifications or framework action
- Initiate multi-year effort to adopt limited entry program
- Progress will be contingent on completion of Habitat Amendment and EBFM approach

Skates

- Action to address overfishing of winter and thorny skates
- Do not pursue skate limited entry

EBFM

- Adopt EBFM as a multi-year priority
- First steps: consult with MAFMC, ASMFC to coordinate activities

Other

- Risk Policy Working Group
- Industry-funded monitoring amendment (NERO lead)
- Vessel Baseline Amendment (NERO lead)
- Climate Change Workshop
- Priority setting process
- Fishery dependent data review

Questions?