

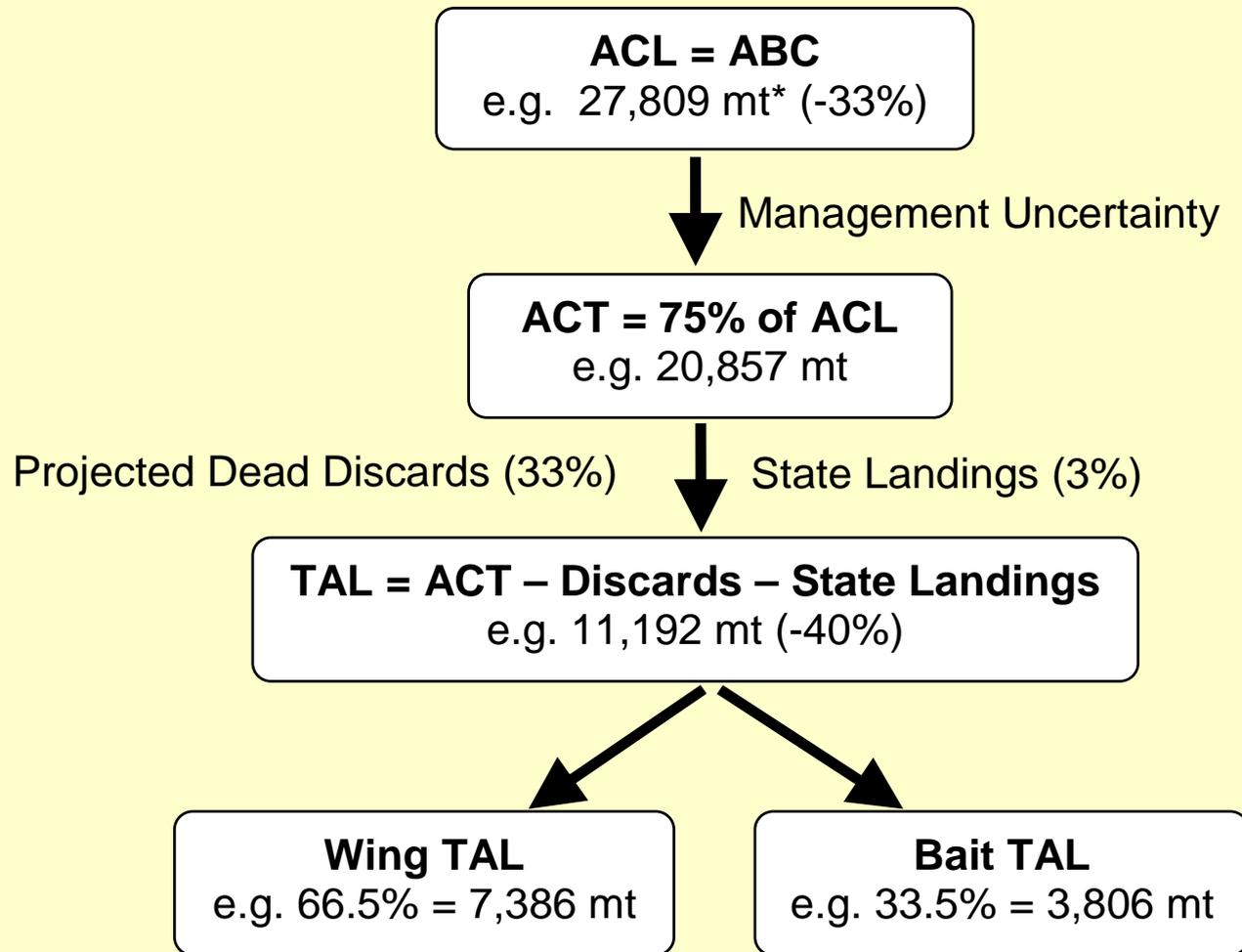
Skate Amendment 3

ABC, AM, and monitoring
recommendations

Status

- ◆ Draft Amendment Public Hearings
- ◆ Final action postponed in Nov 08
- ◆ DPWS catch time series analyzed
- ◆ ABC options developed by PDT
- ◆ SSC recommends using the C/B exploitation ratio median to set ABC

Draft Amendment 3 ACL Framework



* C/B ratio applied to 2005-2007 survey biomass

Four Alternatives

- ◆ Hard or Target TACs with AMs
- ◆ Wing/bait fishery skate possession limits
- ◆ Time/area closures for vessels landing more than the incidental skate limit (or vessels on a skate trip)
- ◆ Annual or seasonal bait fishery quotas

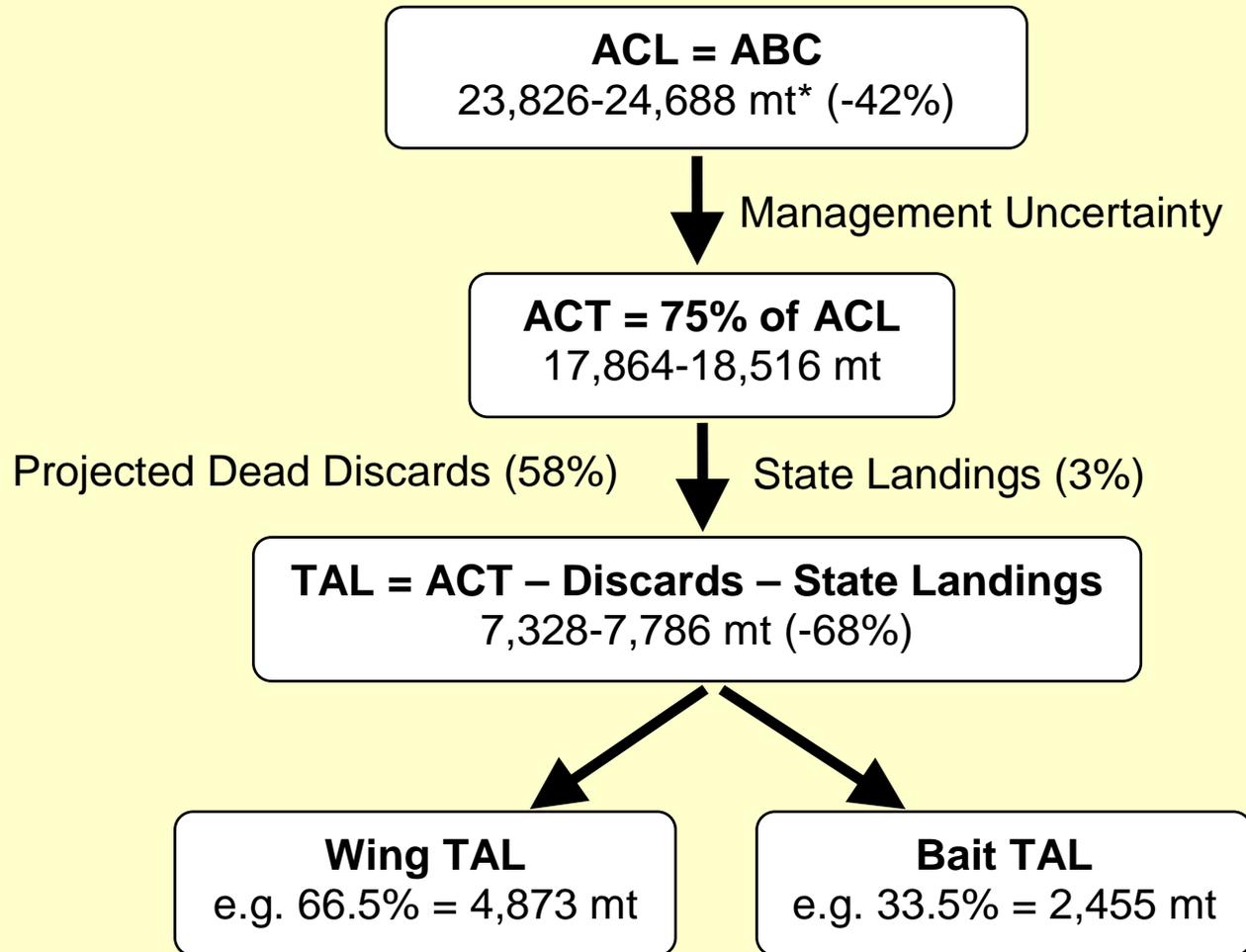
Choices

- A. Develop final alternative from existing alternatives in the draft amendment (achieving 40-46% wing landings reduction; 19-35% reduction in bait skate landings)
- B. Re-estimate skate possession limits to achieve new TALs
- C. Remand draft amendment to Oversight Committee and Advisors – develop additional alternatives

Revised specifications

- ◆ Modify existing ACL framework to be consistent with re-estimated ABC
- ◆ Adjust the “reference time series” to include fall surveys through 2007 and spring survey for little skate through 2008

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Revised alternatives

- ◆ Either as part of a final alternative or as additional alternatives in the draft amendment
 - Include proposed AMs for the Target TAC alternative (adjustments to TAL triggers and ABC buffer)
 - Include TAL monitoring using dealer data to assign landings to a skate fishery; Letter of Authorizations to monitor skate time/area closures