

Amendment 16

New England Fishery
Management Council

November 19, 2008

What is the schedule?

- November 2008: Approve measures
- February 2009: Approve DEIS
- April/May 2009: Public hearings
- June 2009: Final Action
- May 1, 2010: Implementation

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Work Remaining

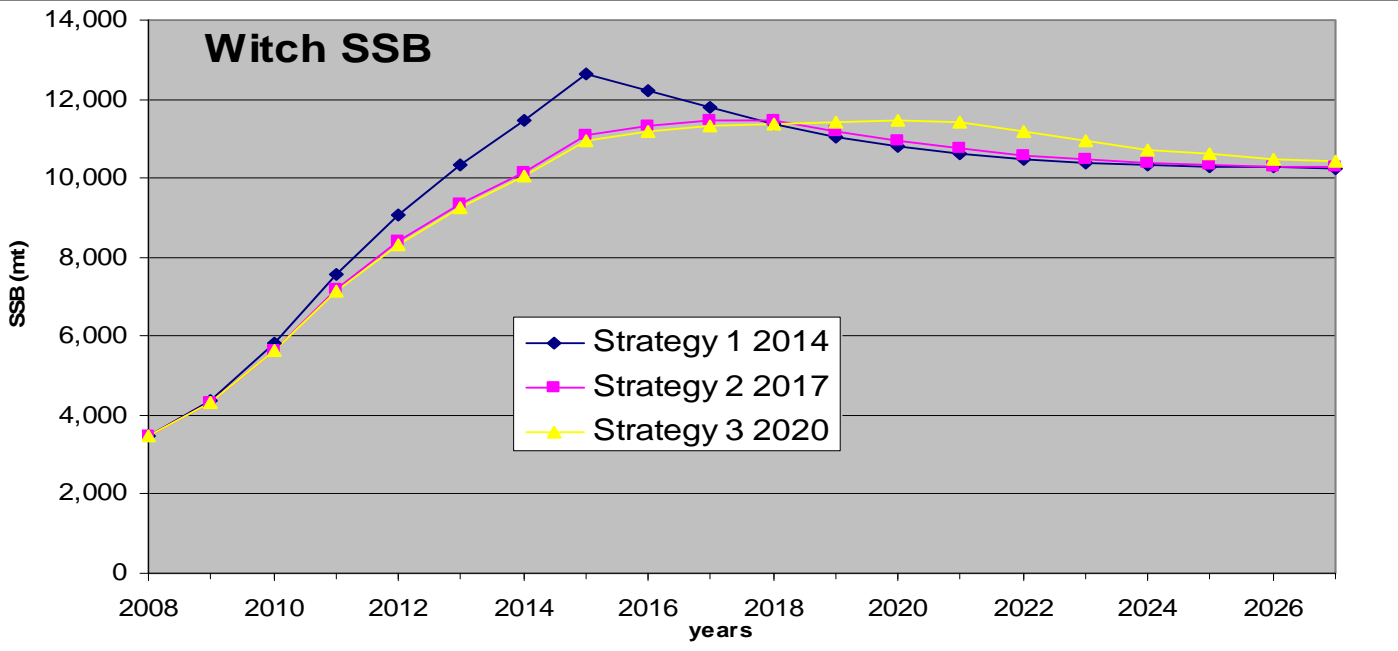
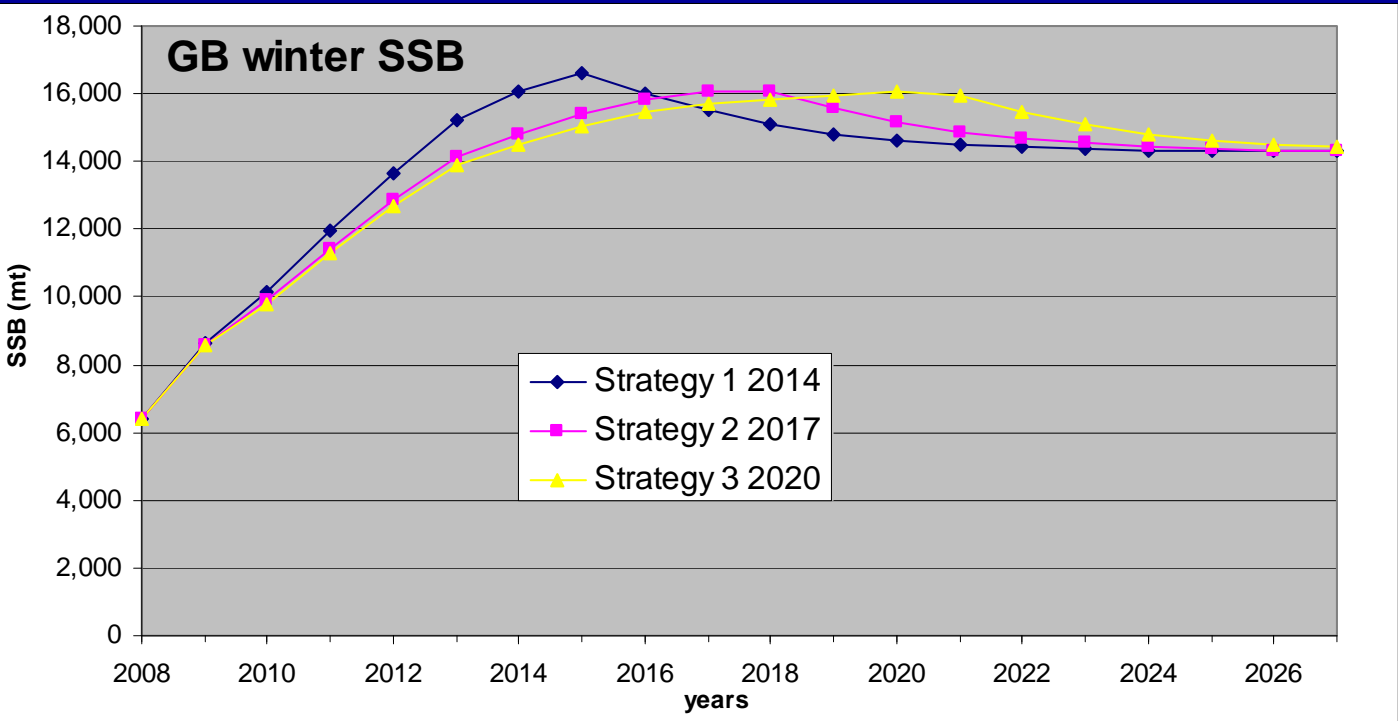
- New rebuilding plan options (*today*)
- Measures to achieve rebuilding (*today*)
- Sector monitoring (*today*)
- Atlantic wolffish?
- DEIS preparation

New Rebuilding Plans

- Stocks: Witch flounder, GB winter flounder, northern windowpane flounder
- Other stocks:
 - Pollock approaching an overfished condition
 - GOM winter flounder status cannot be determined
 - Substantial probability it is below $\frac{1}{2}$ BMSY.
 - But – proposed analysis could not be used for management advice or stock projections

Species	Year 75% F=0	Feb 50% 2020	Feb 75% 2020	Mean gener ation time F=0	2007 F	2008 F	Fmsy
Witch Flounder	2013	0.196	0.166	11.7	0.290	0.296	0.200
GB Winter Flounder	2011	0.257	0.214	8.2	0.280	0.131	0.260

Species	Strategy 1 Feb 75% 2014	Strategy 2 Feb 75% 2017	Strategy 3 Feb 75% 2020	2007 F	2008 F	Fmsy
Witch Flounder	0.115	0.162	0.166	0.290	0.296	0.200
GB Winter Flounder	0.167	0.205	0.214	0.280	0.131	0.260



Witch/GB Winter Summary

- Best economic returns from rebuilding period later than 2014 and earlier than 2020
- Increased flexibility if maximum legal date not used
- “As short as possible” subject to biology, needs of communities, interaction in ecosystem, international agreements
- **Committee recommends strategy 2**

Northern Windowpane

- Index-based assessment – not stochastic
- $F=0$ result unrealistic: rebuilds instantaneously; minimum period indeterminable
- No Committee recommendation

Rebuild Date	2008 rel F	Frebuild	Percent reduction
2020	2.860	0.295	-90%
2017	2.860	0.248	-91%

Effort Controls

- Option 2A: Differential DAS and trip limits
Following not reviewed by Committee
- Option 3A: 24 hour clock, restricted gear areas, trip limits
- Option 4: DAS reduction, restricted gear areas, trip limits

(A16 draft pages 83-88; PDT reports dated October 24 and November 6, 2008)

Effort Controls (cont.)

- Committee recommendation: SNE/MA
Small Mesh Fisheries Gear Requirement –
details TBD

Recreational Measures

- Need depends on allocation years
- GOM cod - three options:
 - 26 inch minimum
 - Six fish bag limit
 - Landing prohibited Nov.1 – Apr. 15
- GOM haddock – two options:
 - 21 inch minimum
 - Nine fish bag limit
 - (A16, pages 89-90)

Sector Joint Liability

May Committee

↳ June Council

↳ September AP

↳ September Council

↳ October Committee



November Council



Current Regs

- Each Sector, vessel, and vessel operator and/or vessel owner participating in the Sector may be charged jointly and severally for violations of Sector Operations Plan requirements as well as any other applicable Federal regulations, resulting in an assessment of civil penalties and permit sanctions pursuant to 15 CFR part 904

Sector Monitoring

- A16 pages 66 - 68: text revised to reflect request for more detail
- Standards of monitoring program certification

Future Work

- CAT B program revisions
- Small mesh drop chain requirement
- AM development
- Setting ABC/ACLs: in amendment? in future spec package?

Questions?