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SCALLOPS

1. Scallop Framework 23

OBJECTIVE: Minimize impacts on sea turtles by requiring the use of turtle excluder dredge, review/revise YT AM and possible adjustments to the LAGC NGOM program

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: OCT 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAR 2012

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff begins work on framework	JAN 2011	✓
2. Council initiates framework	JAN 2011	✓
3. Council approves framework	SEP 2011	✓
4. Staff submits framework to NMFS	OCT 2011	✓
5. Implementation	MAR 2012	JUN 2012

2. Scallop Amendment 16

OBJECTIVE: Amendment to consider individual fishing quotas for the limited access scallop fishery

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: 2012/2013

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 2013/2014

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff begins work after FW23 complete	OCT 2011	
2. Council initiates scoping process	NOV 2011	
3. If support, Council develops action	2012	
4. Implementation	2013?	

The Council discussed scoping this issue first and then reassessing if the action should be fully developed based on input from scoping.

3. Scallop Framework 24 - 2013-2014 scallop specifications

OBJECTIVE: Implement 2013-2014 scallop specifications based on 2012 survey data

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: SEP 2012

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY 2013

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff begins work on framework	JUN 2012	
2. Council initiates framework	JUN 2012	
3. Council approves framework	SEP 2012	
4. Staff submits framework to NMFS	OCT 2012	
5. Implementation	MAY 2013	

GROUND FISH

1. Groundfish Framework 47 - 2012-2014 specifications

OBJECTIVE: Specifications (OFLs/ABCs/ACLs) for 20 stocks 2012-2014, address outstanding AMs for ocean pout, windowpane flounder, and halibut, consider eliminating GB access areas YT flounder 10% cap, consider allocating 100% of scallop fishery estimated YT flounder catch to scallop fishery

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: OCT/NOV 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY/JUN 2012

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff begins work on specifications/framework	DEC 2010	✓
2. Council initiates framework adjustment	JUN 2011	✓
3. Council approves specifications/ framework	NOV 2011	
4. Staff submits specifications package to NMFS	DEC 2011	
5. Implementation	MAY/JUN 2012	

2. Groundfish Amendment 17

OBJECTIVE: Amendment to address state permit bank issues. (NMFS Lead)

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: AUG 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: DEC 2011

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Council initiates framework adjustment	APR 2011	✓
2. Council approves specifications/ framework	JUN 2011	✓
3. Implementation	DEC 2011	

3. Sector Workshop

- Conduct a “lessons learned” review/workshop of the first year of sector operations with Sector representatives

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: TBD

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: NA

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Conduct workshop	OCT 25-26, 2011	✓
2. Develop options from workshop results for Council consideration	NOV- DEC 2011	

4. Groundfish Amendment 18

OBJECTIVE: Amendment to consider fleet diversity and accumulation caps

TARGET COMPLETION DATE:

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff completes draft Fleet Diversity, Allocation, and Excessive Shares whitepaper	SEP 2010	✓
2. Accumulation Limits Workshop	JUN 2011	✓
1. Committee approves scoping document	AUG 2011	✓
3. Council approves scoping document	SEP 2011	✓
4. Scoping hearings	NOV-DEC 2011	JAN 2012
4. Council reviews scoping comments; sets goals	JAN 2012	
5. Development of measures, analysis; expansion of white paper	FEB-SEP 2012	
6. Council selects preferred alternatives	NOV 2012	
7. Preparation of public hearing document	DEC 2012	
8. Public hearings	JAN- FEB 2013	
9. Council selects final alternatives	APR 2013	
10. Submit final document to NMFS	JUN 2013	
11. Implementation	MAY 2014	

HERRING

1. Herring Amendment 5

OBJECTIVE: Implement catch monitoring program, measures to address river herring bycatch, measures to establish criteria for access to groundfish closed areas by mid-water trawl vessels, measures to address interactions with the Atlantic mackerel fishery and bycatch concerns

TARGET COMPLETION DATE (*REVISED*): MAY 2012

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE (*REVISED*): JAN 2013

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Herring Committee, PDT, and Advisory Panel continue development of alternatives for Amendment 5	JAN – MAY 2010	✓
2. Council approves Amendment 5 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	JUN 2010	✓ JAN 2011
3. Council approves Draft Amendment 5/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2010	✓ SEP 2011
4. Staff submits DEIS for final review	OCT 2010	NOV 2011
5. Herring Amendment 5 Public Hearings	NOV 2010	JAN 2012
6. Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment 5 measures	JAN 2011	FEB-APR 2012
7. Staff submits Amendment 5	FEB 2011	MAY 2012
8. Amendment 5 Implementation	JUL/AUG 2011	JAN 2013

WITH INCLUSION OF MAFMC RECOMMENDATION FOR RIVER HERRING CATCH CAP

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Herring Committee, PDT, and Advisory Panel continue development of alternatives for Amendment 5	JAN – MAY 2010	✓
2. Council approves Amendment 5 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	JUN 2010	✓ JAN 2011
3. Council approves Draft Amendment 5/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2010	✓ SEP 2011
4. Council approves MAFMC option for river herring catch cap		NOV 2011
5. Staff submits DEIS for final review		17-JAN-2012
6. Public Hearings	OCT/NOV 2010	MAR 2012
7. Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment 5 measures	JAN 2011	APR 2012
8. Staff submits Amendment 5	FEB 2011	MAY 2012
9. Amendment 5 Implementation	JUL/AUG 2011	JAN 2013

WHITING (Small Mesh Multispecies)

1. Whiting Amendment 19 – ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2012– 2014

OBJECTIVE: Bring the Whiting FMP into compliance with MSRA requirements for setting ABC, ACLs and AMs. ACLs, AMs, specifications for 2012-2014, consider output controls.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

TARGET COMPLETION DATE (*REVISED*): MAY 2012

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE (*REVISED*): DEC 2012

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Council receives results of whiting assessment	JAN 2011	✓
2. PDT develops ABC/ACL methods	FEB/MAR 2011	✓
3. SSC recommends ABC method	APR 2011	✓
4. SSC approves ABC	AUG 2011	✓
5. AP and Oversight Committee develop AM options and ACL allocations	JAN/MAY 2011	✓
6. Council approves management alternatives for analysis	JUN 2011	✓ SEP 2011
7. PDT prepares Draft Amendment	MAY/AUG 2011	OCT-DEC 2011
8. Council approves draft amendment and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2011	JAN 2012
9. Public hearings	NOV 2011	FEB 2012
10. Council approves final amendment measures	NOV 2011	APR 2012
11. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS	DEC 2011	MAY 2012
12. Implementation	JULY 2012	DEC 2012

HABITAT

1. Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2, Phases I & II

OBJECTIVE: Designate EFH for all managed species, HAPCs as necessary, and minimize the adverse effects of fishing on EFH to the extent practicable in a consistent manner across all FMPs, including consideration of groundfish closures. Alternatives to minimize adverse effects on EFH and alternatives to modify and/or eliminate groundfish closures will be packaged together before the Council approves them for analysis. Deep-sea coral protection alternatives can be approved at a separate meeting and are expected to be ready earlier. The remainder of the timeline after #9 is contingent on when that work begins – possibly as early as January 2012, depending on other 2012 groundfish priorities.

PROJECT MANAGER: Michelle Bachman

TARGET COMPLETION DATE:

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: FEB 2013

MILESTONES	PLANNED/ REVISED	COMPLETED
1. Phase 1 scoping hearings	MAR 2004	✓
2. Council approves EFH designations (Phase 1)	JUN 2007	✓
3. Peer Review of Habitat Models	FEB 2011	✓
4. Committee develops alternatives to minimize, to the extent practicable, adverse effects of fishing on EFH (including coral alts)	MAY-JUN 2011	Through AUG 2011
5. PDT analyzes adverse effects minimization alternatives (including coral alts)	MAY-JUN 2011	MAY-SEP 2011
6. Advisory Panel reviews adverse effects minimization alternatives and deep-sea coral alternatives	MAY-JUN 2011	JUL 2011
7. Habitat Committee finalizes deep-sea coral alternatives for Council consideration	Winter 2012	
8. Habitat Committee finalizes fishing impacts minimization alternatives (=habitat area alternatives), forwards to joint process with groundfish	Winter 2012	
9. Groundfish Committee /PDT develops alternatives for groundfish areas, including AP review	Winter/Spring 2012 Depending on 2012 Groundfish priorities	
10. Council approves deep-sea coral alternatives for analysis	APR or JUN 2012	
11. Habitat and Groundfish committees package habitat area alternatives and groundfish area alternatives	MAY 2012	
12. Council approves packaged habitat area/groundfish area alternatives for analysis	JUN 2012	
13. Council approves Omnibus 2 DEIS and public hearing document; selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2012	

MILESTONES	PLANNED/ REVISED	COMPLETED
14. Staff submits Omnibus 2 DEIS (combining EFH and HAPC designations, habitat area alternatives, groundfish area alternatives, and deep-sea coral alternatives)	NOV 2012	
15. NMFS publishes NOA, starts 45-day DSEIS comment period	JAN 2012	
16. Public hearings	FEB 2012	
17. Council approves Omnibus Amendment 2 & DEIS	APR 2012	
18. Staff submits Omnibus Amendment 2 & DEIS	JUN 2012	
19. Implementation	FEB 2013	

MONKFISH

1. Monkfish Amendment 6

OBJECTIVE: Consider catch shares (sectors and IFQs) for inclusion in the Monkfish FMP

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Haring

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: TBD

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: TBD

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. Staff begins work on framework	SEP 2010	✓
2. Scoping	NOV 2010 – FEB 2011	✓
3. Council considers scoping comments	APR 2011	✓
4. Council approves goals & objectives	SEP 2011	NOV 2011
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SKATES

1. Skate Specifications for 2012 – 2013

OBJECTIVE: Set specifications including any changes to possession limits for 2012-2013

PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: OCT 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY 2012

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / PROJECTED
1. PDT analyzes and develops skate survey index calibration methods and options	FEB/MAR 2011	✓
2. SSC approves calibration method to apply to ABC	APR 2011	✓
3. PDT upPLANNED survey and fishery data, including 2010 calibrated survey, discard mortality, and 2010 discards to estimate 2012-2013 ACL specifications	APR/MAY 2011	✓
4. SSC approves ABC and ACL specifications	JUN 2011	✓
5. Council approves range of specifications (TALs, possession limits, etc.) for specifications package or initiates framework adjustment	JUN 2011	✓
6. PDT prepares specifications package	JUL/AUG 2011	✓
7. Council approves ACL specifications package or framework adjustment	SEP 2011	✓
8. Staff submits final specifications or framework adjustment to NMFS	OCT 2011	NOV 2011
9. Implementation	MAY 2012	