

April 2010 NPFMC motion on ACL II Discussion Paper

1. Request the SSC to discuss potential of developing new methods for determining ACLs for Tier 6 stocks on June 2010 agenda. This may result in a Summer 2010 Work Shop with Groundfish Plan Team members and Tier 6 assessment authors.
2. Task staff with development of a discussion paper on the following topics:
 - For stocks in the fishery:
 - Discuss how species could be apportioned to particular targets/gears as is done with PSC (a 'skeleton' framework for apportionments with actual numbers determined in the annual specification process)
 - Update Smoker and Miller (cite) that includes spatial and seasonal analysis, along with potential impacts on directed fisheries, and including tables of the data along with graphical interpretations;
 - Effects of moving grenadiers in the fishery by FMP area;
 - General discussion of discard mortality rates (DMR), with focus on sharks and octopus examples. Include discussion of effect of retention requirements (GRS) on mortality.
 - Description of Agency authority to control catch to prevent large closures (e.g., area-specific closures, careful release programs)
 - Discussion of effect of unobserved/poorly observed fisheries on determination of total catch accounting and the effects of extrapolation of observed fisheries
 - Brief discussion of data needs to move stocks from Tier 6 to Tier 5
 - For stocks in the EC category:
 - Effects of managing squids and/or octopus (compared to status quo);
 - Effects of managing grenadiers (compared to status quo or in the fishery) by FMP area;
 - General discussion of current NMFS management authority for EC species (specific issues include 1) processing limits, 2) how to define EC criteria of "not generally retained," 3) MRAs, 4) DMRs, 5) mandatory review of species, and 6) frequency of vulnerability analyses;
 - General discussion of management implications for total catch accounting (e.g., observer program) for stocks moved into the EC category