

# Skate Framework Adjustment 6

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# Council tasking from April

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- ▶ That the Council task the Committee to consider seasonal catch triggers and associated reductions in possession limits to minimize the likelihood of premature closures.



# Draft Possession Limit Alternatives

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- ▶ PDT proposed 3 approaches
  - ▶ Intermediate possession limit
  - ▶ Adjusting season I TAL
  - ▶ Reducing possession limits
- ▶ The AP recommended No Action
- ▶ The Committee recommended moving them to considered but rejected



# Analysis based on 2015 Fishing Year

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- ▶ FY2015 was the last year that the incidental possession limit was not implemented
- ▶ Total skate wing landings were 8,888,713 pounds
- ▶ 51.2 % of the total was caught in Season 1, with 2600 pound limit
- ▶ 48.8 % of the total was caught in Season 2, with 4100 pound limit
- ▶ Skate Wing TAL was not achieved



# Impacts - Wings

Buffer between ACL and ACT	Percent Wing TAL achieved	Lb landed	Season 1 (May 1 – August 31) incidental limit implemented	Season 2 (September 1 – April 30) incidental limit implemented
25% buffer	91.7	7,787,658	17-Aug	2-Feb
20% buffer	90.1	8,166,524	27-Aug	23-Feb
15% buffer	88.3	8,503,880	NA	18-Mar
10% buffer	86	8,764,425	NA	21-Apr

# Intermediate Possession Limit, 50%

## Summary

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\* Wing TAL set at 8,497,106 pounds from Framework 5

\* Intermediate limits are 1300 and 2050 pounds in Seasons 1 and 2

\* from Table 30 in Framework 6 document

	No Action	60 % Trigger	75 % Trigger	80 % Trigger
% TAL achieved	91.7	88.1	92.5	93.5
S1 trigger date		JUL 10	JUL 30	AUG 7
S2 trigger date		OCT 31	DEC 15	JAN 6
Incidental trigger date	AUG 17 FEB 2		APR 6	MAR 20
% Revenues, Alt./No Action		98 %	102 %	103 %



# Intermediate Possession Limit, 75%

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## Summary

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\* Wing TAL set at 8,497,106 pounds from Framework 5

\* Intermediate limits are 1950 and 3075 pounds in Seasons 1 and 2

\* from Table 31 in Framework 6 document

	No Action	60 % Trigger	75 % Trigger	80 % Trigger
% TAL achieved	91.7	93.6	94.7	95.2
S1 trigger date		JUL 10	JUL 30	AUG 7
S2 trigger date		OCT 12	DEC 7	DEC 23
Incidental trigger date	AUG 17 FEB 2		MAR 6	FEB 25
% Revenues, Alt./No Action		103.1 %	103.6 %	103.9 %



# New Seasonal Allocation; New Possession Limits

## Summary

- \*
- \* Wing TAL set at 8,497,106 pounds from Framework 5
- \* Current PL's for New Seasonal Allocation; New limits are 2000 and 3000 pounds in Seasons 1 and 2; Flexible limit (F) is 4000 in this example
- \* from Tables 32-33 in Framework 6 document

	No Action	50% Allocation, S1	2000/3000 PL	2000/3000/4000 PL
% TAL achieved	91.7	93.8	90.8	92.0
S1 trigger date				
S2 trigger date				
Incidental trigger date/Flex (F) date	AUG 17 FEB 2	AUG 6 MAR 18	APR 24	JAN 1 (F) APR 13
% Revenues, Alt./No Action		104.3 %	101.0 %	102.4 %





# Can we meet our goal?

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- ▶ Incidental possession limit – decreasing the buffer delays triggering it
- ▶ To not trigger incidental limit you have to decrease possession limits in both seasons (see 60% trigger options)
- ▶ Combined with decreased uncertainty buffer, there is more TAL available but lower possession limits to catch it with



# Next Steps

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- ▶ Re-re-consider possession limits
- ▶ Submit FW6 with only changes to uncertainty buffer included
- ▶ Limited access



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► Questions?



# Additional Slides (if needed)

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# No Action

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## Compares to all Possession Limit Alternatives

- ▶ Wing TAL set at 8,497,106 pounds from Framework 5, for all Alternatives
- ▶ Landings are 7,787,658 pounds, or **91.7%** of the TAL
- ▶ Incidental Possession Limit triggered at **85%** of seasonal TAL
- ▶ Incidental limit, 500 pounds, on **August 17** in Season 1
- ▶ Incidental limit on **February 2** in Season 2



# Wing Intermediate Possession Limit

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- ▶ No Action
- ▶ Option 2
  - ▶ 50% of existing limits in both seasons
  - ▶ Trigger points in preliminary analysis: 60%, 75%, 80%
- ▶ Option 3
  - ▶ 75% of existing limits in both seasons
  - ▶ Trigger points in preliminary analysis: 60%, 75%, 80%



# Season 1 TAL Allocation

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- ▶ Option 1

- ▶ 57%

- ▶ Option 2

- ▶ 50% TAL allocated to Season 1



# Wing Possession Limits

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- ▶ Option 1

- ▶ Season 1=2,600 lb/Season 2=4,100 lb

- ▶ Option 2 – Reduction

- ▶ Season 1=2,000 lb/Season 2=3,000 lb

- ▶ Option 3 – Reduction with Season 2 flexibility

- ▶ Season 1=2,000 lb/Season 2=3,000 lb after Apr 1 4,000 lb

- ▶ Sub-Option A – Increase in Incidental Possession Limit Trigger

- ▶ Raise trigger from 85% to 90%

- ▶ Can be combined with Options 2 or 3

