

Monkfish Research Set-Aside Working Group Meeting #3

August 21, 2023

via webinar



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Fishery Management Council

Agenda

1:00 Approve agenda

1:10 Draft WG report

- Review additional background material
- Provide final feedback on the report

1:45 Review homework assignment

- Discuss the priority ranking for each potential solution
- Make final recommendations on any preferred improvements to the Monkfish RSA program
- Discuss next steps of working group's recommendations

4:40 Other business

5:00 Adjourn

Work group timeline



Month	Deliverable description
March – April	Staff draft work plan in consultation with the Monkfish Committee Chair and Vice-Chair
April NEFMC, MAFMC Meetings	Provide update to the Councils
April – May	Establish work group
June 5 th	Work group meeting
June NEFMC, MAFMC Meetings	Provide progress update to the Councils
July 24 th	Work group meeting
August 21 st	Work group meeting
August 31 (AP), September 13 (Cte)	Present recommendations to the AP and Committee. Committee to recommend if any findings are appropriate for a 2024 Council work priority.
September/October NEFMC, MAFMC Meetings	Present recommendations to Councils via Monkfish Committee report
December	Finalize 2024 work priorities

Additional background material to report

Since last meeting:

- Added revised Monkfish RSA project data (next slide)
- Added a summary solutions table with challenges addressed and a summary of pros and cons for each approach (Table 5)
- Created a table of ideas that were considered but removed from further consideration (Table 6)

Anything else to add to the report? (background material, data, etc.)?

- Report will be finalized by the Monkfish Committee Mtg (Sept. 13th)

Monkfish RSA award and performance data

Project Award ID	Fishing Year(s)	# of EFPs*	Live Pounds	Pounds Allowed	Percent Pounds Used	DAS Used	DAS Allowed	Percent DAS Used
NA06NMF4540072	2006	-	-	-	-	73	72	101%
NA06NMF4540134	2006	-	-	-	-	74	102	73%
NA07NMF4540023	2007	-	-	-	-	152	185	82%
NA07NMF4540025	2007	-	-	-	-	36	80	45%
NA08NMF4540430	2008	-	-	-	-	95	139	68%
NA08NMF4540431	2008	-	-	-	-	118	191	62%
NA08NMF4540433	2008	-	-	-	-	96	94	102%
NA08NMF4540432	2008	-	-	-	-	39	76	51%
NA09NMF4540045	2009-2010	1*	230,492	340,046	68%	83	105	79%
NA09NMF4540047	2009-2010	1*	586,184	609,000	96%	159	203	79%
NA09NMF4540046	2009-2010	2*	479,364	576,000	83%	124	192	65%
NA10NMF4540338	2010-2011	1*	436,877	609,000	72%	100	162	62%
NA10NMF4540336	2010-2011	1*	910,349	1,126,800	81%	226	313	72%

*Denotes when one EFP was extended; EFPs can be extended up to one year. For two-year awards with an extended EFP, that means the EFP extension occurred in the first year (and not the second year), otherwise the project would be active for three years.

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NA11NMF4540006	2011-2012	1*	134,385	345,600	39%	70	96	73%
NA11NMF4540007	2011-2012	1*	777,830	1,324,800	59%	311	368	85%
NA12NMF4540095	2012-2013	1*	946,178	1,335,600	71%	342	371	92%
NA12NMF4540096	2012	1	307,369	464,400	66%	114	129	88%
NA13NMF4540091	2013-2014	1*	1,040,887	1,046,400	99%	316	327	97%
NA13NMF4540090	2013-2014	1*	159,688	316,800	50%	54	99	55%
NA14NMF4540226	2014-2016	2**	1,344,975	1,942,400	69%	382	607	63%
NA14NMF4540227	2014-2016	2**	1,221,826	1,257,600	97%	312	393	79%
NA16NMF4540108	2016-2018	2**	1,710,031	1,598,400	107%	356	450	79%
NA16NMF4540109	2016-2017	2*	1,710,964	1,953,600	88%	349	550	64%
NA18NMF4540332	2018-2020	2*	1,063,495	1,234,422	86%	234	303	77%
NA18NMF4540330	2018-2020	2*	812,571	1,633,674	50%	161	401	40%
NA18NMF4540331	2018-2019	2	392,634	1,205,904	33%	68	296	23%
NA20NMF4540035	2020-2021	2*	1,503,982	3,255,126	46%	313	799	39%

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Questions on RSA Data?

- Are the data a good representation of Monkfish RSA performance?
Any changes/further additions?
- Early in the program, appears there was a higher use of RSA DAS relative to landings – any idea why?
- More recently, higher RSA landings relative to DAS – what changed?
- Main reason industry purchases RSA DAS?

Homework assignment

- Asked to rank ideas from high to low priority
- Asked to review the ideas excluded from the list
- Received 2 assignments back from WG (as of 8/17)

Today's task:

- Review each idea and individual's priority ranking (high, medium, low, no rank)
- Review the ideas that were excluded from further consideration
- Provide any final input to the work group's draft report before it is finalized

Today's outcome:

- Make recommendations for the Monkfish AP and Committee to consider when they recommend 2024 priorities for the Councils to consider

→ Spreadsheet review of
priority ranking



Break?

Working Group Recommendations

TBD

Next steps

- Feedback on the WG report? Send any additions, clarifications, etc. by **Sept. 13th** (Monkfish Cte mtg) before report is finalized
- Monkfish PDT will discuss the Monkfish RSA work group recommendations in the context of 2024 Council priority setting process
 - August 28th 1-4pm – Monkfish PDT mtg
- Monkfish AP and Committee will discuss the work group recommendations and make recommendations on 2024 Council priorities
 - Monkfish AP (Aug. 31st 1-5pm) and Committee (Sept. 13th 9am-1pm) mtgs
- NEFMC (Sept. 25-28) and MAFMC (Oct. 3-5) via Monkfish Committee report

4:40 p.m.
Other Business



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