

# Framework Adjustment 55

## Specifications

*Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan*

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*June 18, 2015*



# Outline

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# Goal for Meeting

That the Council initiate FW 55.



# Objective

To meet regulatory requirements to prevent overfishing, ensure rebuilding, and help achieve optimum yield in the fishery.

These include regulatory requirements:

- Stock status changes, if any
- Specifications for all groundfish stocks for
  - FY 2016- FY 2018,
  - Including US/CA stocks for FY 2016



# Likely Range of Alternatives

4.1 Updates to status determination criteria and annual catch limits

4.1.1 Revised Status Determination Criteria

4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits



# Timeline

2015	June	Council initiates FW 55
	Jul-Oct	Develop specifications
	Sep	Council receives update on FW 55
	Oct-Nov	Develop NEPA analysis
	Dec	Council takes final action on FW 55



# Committee Meeting, June 4, 2015

## Committee Discussion Highlights

- Fishing industry should have an opportunity to discuss the data with NMFS prior to the Groundfish assessment updates
- Guidance is needed on what changes are permissible for the assessment updates



# At-Sea Monitoring

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# Goals for Meeting

- Discuss information provided from the Committee, PDT and NMFS.
- Provide guidance on next steps for the ASM priority.



# Council Motion, April 2015

That the Council:

1. Request that NMFS prepare an estimate of the cost/revenue ratio for the at sea sector monitoring based on the current approach (e.g., in terms of CVs and methodology) for fishing year 2015 (i.e., taking account of reduced ACLs for some species and likelihood a reduction in the number of trips);
2. Initiate a framework to address the perception (to be confirmed or rejected based on number 1) that the fishery will not be viable under the current approach for at sea monitoring.



# PDT Questions for the Committee

- What is considered viable?
- Does the development of a monitoring framework action depend on whether or not the “perception” is confirmed or rejected?
- What are the goals and objectives for this action?



# PDT Discussion

## Overarching Approaches

- No change to goals and objectives or ASM program
- No change to monitoring goals and objectives and 'tune' the ASM program
- Modify groundfish monitoring program including the goals and objectives



# PDT Discussion

## Potential Ideas

- Remove the ASM requirement for certain sector trips
- Increase the CV standard ( $> CV_{30}$ )
- Establish sector specific coverage or rates
- Prioritize coverage
- Redesign and re-stratify proportional to landings and discards.
- Use a combination of monitoring tools



# PDT Discussion

## Potential Ideas

- PDT does not expressly support or reject any of these ideas at present
- Costs and benefits of these ideas are not clear without further analysis
- Some of these approaches could be considered in combination
- Implementation timelines for ideas may vary



# Committee Meeting, June 4, 2015

## Committee Discussion Highlights

- Emergency Action request to Council to NMFS to suspend ASM
- Discussion of conducting a review of ASM program effectiveness
- No specific alternatives developed for inclusion in an action at this time

