

Advisor's Meeting

Background Information

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Recreational Advisory Panel
Meeting
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Control Date

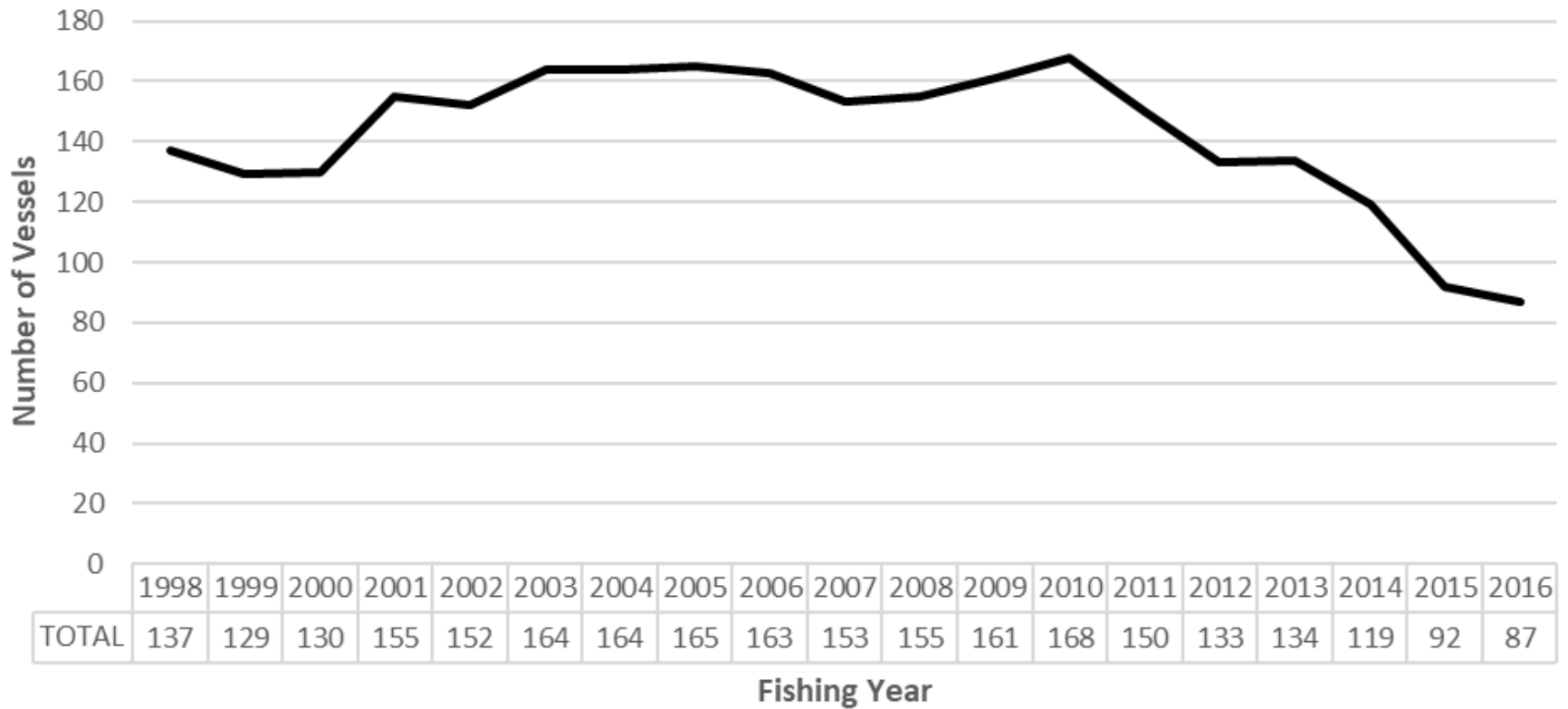
Background

The current “control date” is March 30, 2006 and may be used for establishing eligibility criteria for determining levels of future access to the charter/party fishery subject to Federal authority.

- Helps to distinguish from established participants from speculative entrants
- Additional qualification criteria may apply
- Weighted criteria may be used
- Does not commit the Council to take action
- Can be revised or rescinded
- Gives the public notice to locate and preserve records to verify activity



For-Hire Recreational Vessels Catching Cod or Haddock from the Gulf of Maine



For Today

- At the January 2018 Council meeting, the Council will consider recommending a new control date for the charter/party fishery.
- The advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on a new control date for the charter/party fishery.
- The Groundfish Committee will consider recommendations at its meeting tomorrow.





2018 Groundfish Priorities

List of 2018 Priorities

Council set 2018 priorities in December 2017

<i>Legal/Regulatory Requirement- Annual</i>
• Set ABCs/ACLs for US/CA stocks
• Revise rebuilding plans as needed (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, GOM/GB windowpane flounder, and SNE/MA yellowtail flounder)
• Address Status Determination Criteria issue when analytic assessments fail
• Additional guidance on sector overages
• TRAC/TMGC

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Annual

- Address allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data
- Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures
- Specify allocation review triggers
- Sector five-year review

Multi-Year

- ASM action/Amendment 23 (including work groups/workshops necessary and working group on how fishery dependent data can be used to inform stock abundance).
- Scope limited entry in groundfish party/charter fishery
- Cod Stock Structure Working Group