

Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish)

Recreational Data, Priorities for 2019,
and Public Listening Sessions

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Recreational Advisory Panel
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Recreational Data

Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) allocation by sampling wave.

- **Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS):** From North Carolina south – Waves 1-6 are sampled, from Virginia to New Hampshire- Waves 2-6 are sampled, and Maine samples Waves 3-6. The states administer the program.
- **Fishery Effort Survey (FES):** *“From January through December (Waves 1 – 6), the FES is administered in North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Hawaii. All other states—with the exception of Maine—are sampled from March through December (Waves 2 – 6); Maine is sampled from May through October (Waves 3 – 5). The FES has been administered in Puerto Rico, but our data collection efforts have been suspended in this region as the territory rebuilds following Hurricane Maria.”* See: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/recreational-fishing-data/types-recreational-fishing-surveys>

Recreational Data

Party and charter vessel trip report data on effort and landings by wave.

Priorities for 2019

Annual

- Set ABCs/ACLs for all groundfish stocks for FY2020-2022 and US/CA stocks for FY2020
- Staff: TRAC/TMGC
- Groundfish Operational Assessments
- Address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data
- Staff: Sector five-year review
- Specify allocation review triggers
- Modify Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in AMs

Multi-year

- Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring (including Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group and possible workshops)
- Consider results of public listening sessions for possible initiation of an amendment to develop a limited access program for the party/charter fishery
- Staff: Cod Stock Structure Workshop

Limited Access Listening Sessions

Public listening sessions for a possible limited access program for the recreational groundfish party/charter fishery

- 1) Discuss and provide feedback on the draft background document and planning for the sessions.
- 2) What additional material should be included in the “Background Information” section?
- 3) What questions should be asked in the listening sessions? See “What should my comments address?” section for a draft list of questions.

Addressing Recreational Management Issues

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- Recreational interests are a low priority to the Council.

Program Review Stakeholder Report

- “These significant recreational fishing interests deserve greater support from the Council.”

NEFMC Program Review Panel Report

Council Approved Priorities

- 2010 – 2014: None
- 2015 – Revise recreational management measures process
- 2016 – Recreational management measures process; P/C Limited Entry Amendment
- 2017 – Recreational management measures process
- 2018 – Scope P/C limited entry; new allocation; input on new ways to manage
- 2019 – Allocation issues; listening sessions on possible P/C limited entry

Concern categories?

- Specific measures for GOM cod, GOM haddock, and other groundfish stocks.
- Doubt that MRIP estimates accurately reflect recreational removals
- Broader recreational management issues.
- General fishery management issues

Discussion

- Should there be designated recreational assignments for some Committees and APs?
- Would a task-specific Committee be appropriate for some recreational priorities?
- Other ideas?

Council Feedback

- Consider designated AP positions for rec industry
- Consider stand-alone Committee to address specific recreational issues (e.g. P/C limited entry)
- Opposed to stand alone Recreational Committee
- Discuss again June 2010

Questions and Discussion



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