

Recreational Groundfish Fishery

Fishing Year 2020 Measures

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Recreational Advisory Panel

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For Today

Provide recommendations
to the Groundfish Committee
on fishing year 2020
proactive recreational measures
for Gulf of Maine cod and
Gulf of Maine haddock

Framework Adjustment 59: Summary of Council's Final Action

Recreational Fishery Items:

- Revised specifications for 15 groundfish stocks for FY2020-FY2022
- Revised allocation between commercial and recreational fisheries for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock

Stock	Years	Recreational Allocation
GOM cod	2001-2006	37.5%
GOM haddock	2001-2006	33.9%

- Maintain the Georges Bank cod recreational catch target of 138 mt for FY2020- FY2022 and no changes to the recreational measures

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FY2020
with revised
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OFL

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**Recreational
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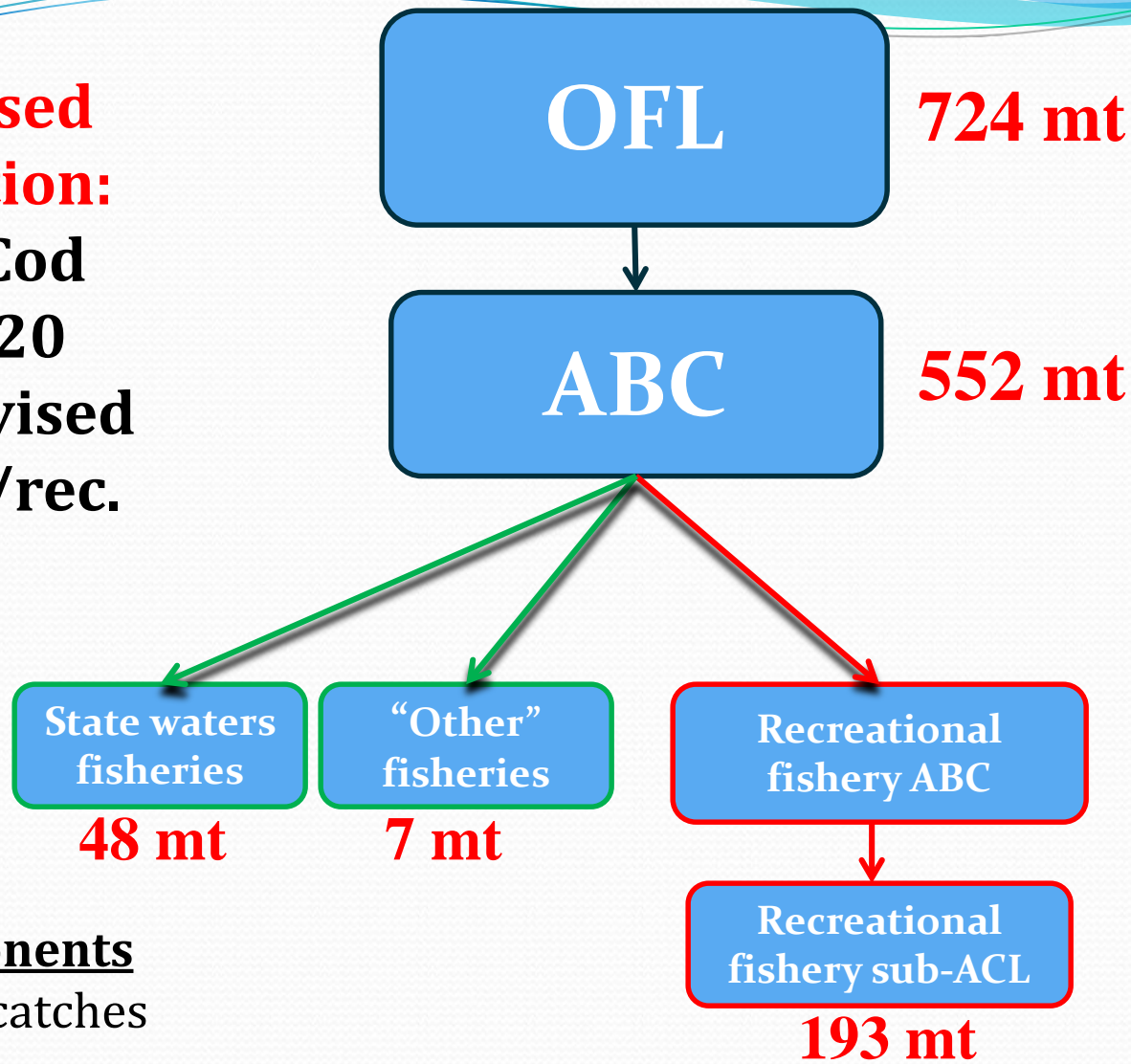
- 7% buffer
**Recreational
fishery sub-ACL**

193 mt

Sub-ACL's

- Subject to AM's
- Management uncertainty adjustment

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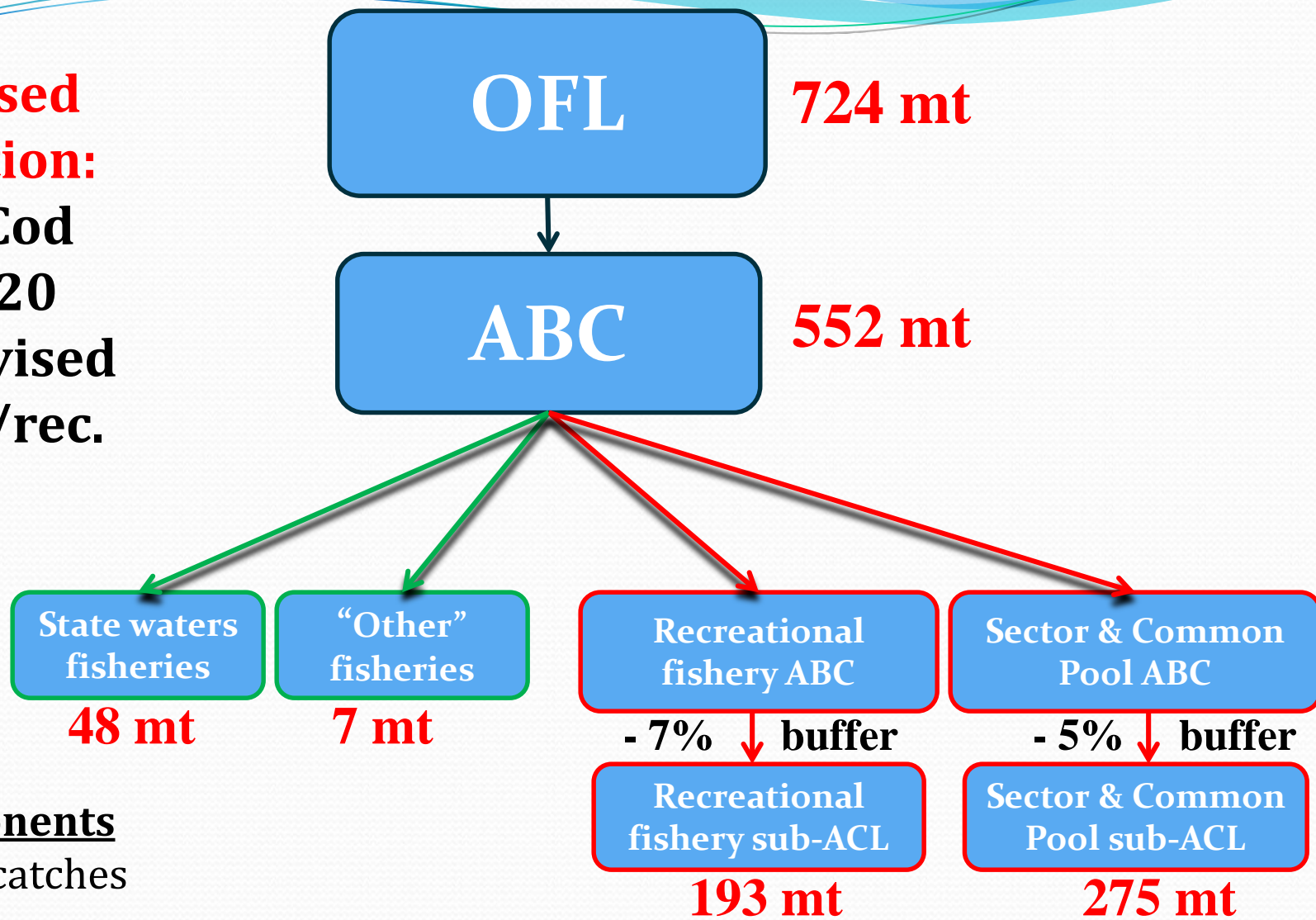
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Proposed Allocation:
GOM Haddock
FY2020
with revised
comm./rec.

OFL

25,334 mt

ABC

19,696 mt

Midwater trawl

State waters fisheries

“Other” fisheries

33.9% allocation
Recreational fishery ABC

Sector & Common Pool ABC

- 7% buffer
Recreational fishery sub-ACL

6,210 mt

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Accountability Measures

Reactive:

- If catches exceed the sub-ACL, NMFS determines the measures necessary to prevent exceeding the sub-ACL in future years following consultation with the Council
- Final measures are to be published no later than January.
- The three-year average of recreational harvest is compared to the three-year average of the recreational sub-ACL and if necessary, AMs are to be implemented in the year immediately following.
- The recreational AM is either/or adjustments to season, adjustments to minimum size, or adjustments to bag limits.
- Separate AMs can be determined for the private boat and party/charter components of the recreational fishery – that is, the AMs may be different for these two components.

Accountability Measures

Proactive:

- Can be adjusted by the Regional Administrator to ensure the recreational fishery will achieve, but not exceed, its sub-ACL.
- Changes are typically made prior to the start of the fishing year.
- The Regional Administrator consults with the Council, or the Council's designee, and tells the Council, or its designee, what recreational measures are under consideration for the upcoming fishing year.
- If time allows, the Council also provides the RAP an opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed management measures.
- These AMs require development in consultation with the Council, because the appropriate suite of measures (e.g., bag limit, minimum fish size, and season) depends on the sub-ACL specified.

Recent Catches (mt) and Three-Year Averages

Stock	Fishing Year	Recreational Catch				
		Catch	Landings	Discard	Recreational sub-ACL	Percent of Catch Limit Taken
		A + B	A	B		
GOM Cod	2016	280.9	94.5	186.4	157	178.9
	2017	245.4	26.6	218.8	157	156.3
	2018	146.9	4.3	142.6	220	66.8
	Average	224.4	41.8	182.6	178	126.1
GOM Haddock	2016	887.0	560.2	326.8	928	95.6
	2017	795.0	533.7	261.3	1,160	68.5
	2018	595.0	423.9	171.1	3,358	17.7
	Average	759.0	505.9	253.1	1,815	41.8

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