

Additional Measures to Reduce Fishery Impacts

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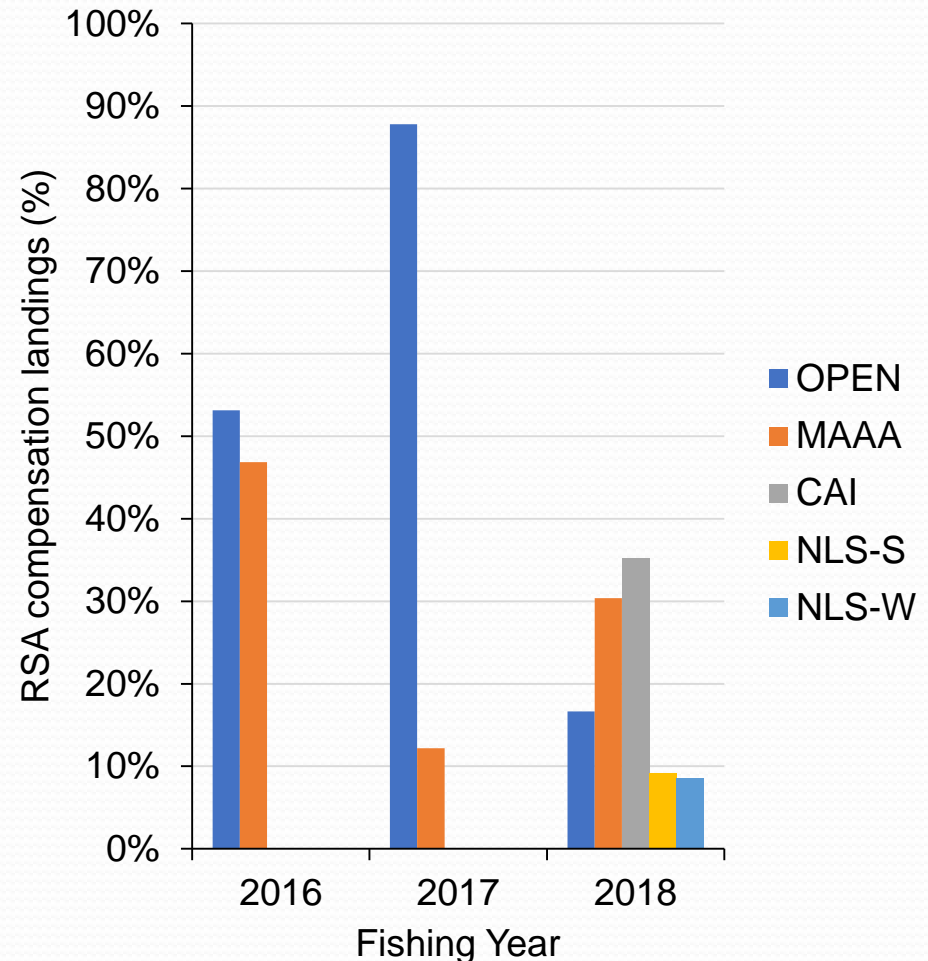


Measures to reduce fishery impacts

- Alternatives in annual frameworks that focus on where RSA compensation fishing can occur.
 - No Action: RSA compensation fishing can only occur in open areas.
 - “Action” alternative to allow RSA comp fishing in access areas.
- Council may wish to restrict compensation fishing in some areas to reduce impacts on small scallops, bycatch, or to limit overall harvest from an area.

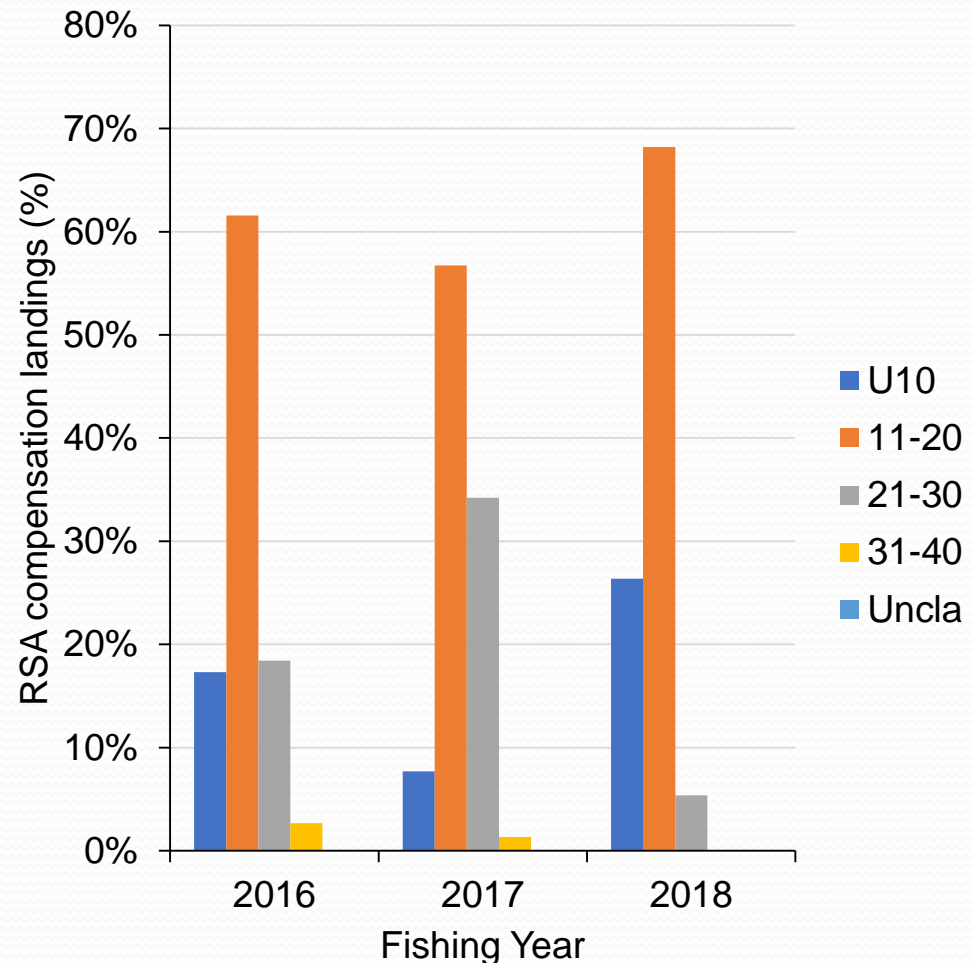
RSA comp. fishing: landings

- FY2016-FY2017: supported by open area and MAAA, majority open.
- FY2018: majority distributed among available access areas, mostly CAI and MAAA



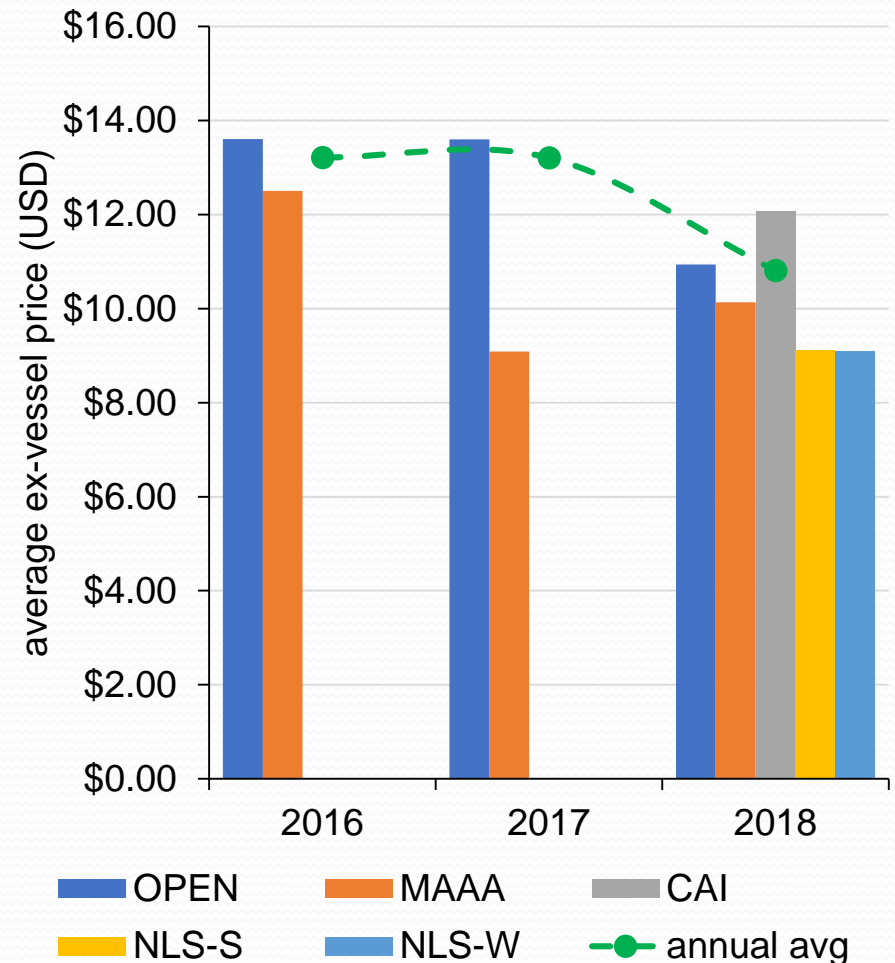
RSA comp. fishing: market grades

- Market grade composition pretty consistent
 - Majority 10-20 count
 - Proportion of U10s and 20-30 fluctuated, increase in U10s reflective of access to previously un-opened areas (i.e. OHA2)



RSA comp. fishing: ex-vessel price

- Similar in FY2016-FY2017—overall average around \$13.20. Driven by open area ex-vessel price
- Some variation by area in FY2018. overall average of \$10.81, mostly driven by open area, MAAA, and CAI.



What did we do last year?

For FY2019 (FW30):

- RSA compensation fishing was prohibited in CAI—concerns on negative impacts on available biomass
- Allowed RSA compensation fishing in:
 - All other open access areas (NLS-W and MAAA)
 - All open bottom
- RSA comp fishing was capped at LA share of NGOM TAC

Considerations for FY2020

- Specifications runs considering access to CAI, MAAA, and partial trips to CAI and NLS-N
 - Partial trips to CAI/NLS-N based on lower level of available biomass, concern of potentially high realized fishing mortality
 - CAI—conservative harvest & closures being considered to protect incoming recruitment
 - GB yellowtail—potential (?) interest in mitigating impacts to this stock in light of poor status. Bycatch highest in CAI

Staff recommendation: Limit RSA compensation fishing to open area and MAAA.



Questions?