

Monkfish Committee & AP Webinar Meeting

September 17, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 AM
Webinar



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Monkfish 2021 Priorities

Purpose

Make recommendations for:

- 2021 management priorities
- E.O. 13921

Relevant documents

Memo to Committee and AP –
9/16/2020

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Council Monkfish Priorities

- Task: Develop recommendations for monkfish management priorities for 2021

2020 Council Priorities 1/17/2020

FMP	Annual	Monkfish Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Rank
Monkfish					
	Conduct an analysis of alternative methods for estimating discards of monkfish to apply to future specifications and consider available information on discard mortality. If warranted, consider adjusting specifications for FY 2021- 2022	✓	x	✓	79
	<i>Revisit use of RSA DAS and ability to flip a directed DAS to an RSA DAS while at sea</i>	✓			58
	<i>Consider permit latency</i>	✓			71



Council Monkfish Priorities

- The Council approved conducting an analysis of alternative methods for estimating discards of monkfish as a 2020 priority
- This work was completed by Dr. Cate O’Keefe, who reported the results to the Council June
- In reviewing the work, the Council and Dr. O’Keefe thought it would be important to wait until the 2019 discard data could be included because the large 2015 year class mostly recruited to the fishery in 2019.
- As a result, the Council decided to refer the evaluation methods for estimating total allowable landings (TAL), back to the Monkfish Committee and AP to consider the next steps in this work developing recommendations for 2021 priorities.
- Dr. O’Keefe identified these tasks to be completed to include this information.

Council Monkfish Priorities

- Other suggestions for Monkfish priorities?

Council Monkfish Priorities

- Dr. O’Keefe identified these tasks to be completed to include this information.
 - Analysis of FY2019 data to determine if the long-term mean/median is appropriate to apply under average recruitment periods
 - Analysis to define “strong” recruitment and derivation of a predictive function that would use the recruitment index as a variable to indicate what discard estimate should be used when strong recruitment occurs
- The committee consider recommend updating the specifications a year earlier than scheduled and start developing new specifications in 2021 that would include the new discard estimation approaches.
- Alternatively, the committee could recommend that including the FY 2019 data be done in 2021 with the results reported back to the committee for use in the specification process scheduled for 2022.

Executive Order 13921

E.O. 13921 on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth (5/7/20)

- Purpose
 - “to strengthen the American economy; improve the competitiveness of American industry; ensure food security; provide environmentally safe and sustainable seafood; support American workers; ensure coordinated, predictable, and transparent Federal actions; and remove unnecessary regulatory burdens”
- Request of the Council
 - By **November 2, 2020**, “...submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries, including a proposal for initiating each recommended action within 1 year of the date of this order.”
 - Can include changes to regulations, orders, guidance documents, or other similar agency actions
 - Must accomplish “within existing appropriations.” No new resources for the Councils or NMFS.
 - Must comply with applicable law (MSA, ESA, MMPA, etc.).
 - “Initiate” actions by May 2021 (not implement)
- Distinct from the 2017 order to identify regulations that are unnecessary, outdated, or ineffective.



Executive Order 13921

- Suggestions for recommendations in response to Executive Order 13921?



QUESTIONS?