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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Domestic Implementation

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2011 ICCAT Recommendations

Domestic Rulemaking Required

- 10-03 – Rebuilding plan for Western bluefin tuna
- 11-02 – North Atlantic swordfish conservation
- 11-04 – Rebuilding plan for North Atlantic albacore
- 11-08 – Conservation of silky sharks
- 11-19 – Lifting trade restrictions against Bolivia and Georgia



10-03 Rebuilding Program for Western Bluefin Tuna (WBFT)

- TAC reduced from 1,800 mt to 1,750 mt for 2011 and 2012 (inclusive of dead discards)
 - Expected to allow for continued stock growth under both the low and high stock recruitment scenarios
 - Mexico (95 mt), UK and France (4 mt each) now on allocation table, but net effect (mt) for 2011 and 2012 the same as for 2010
- Maintained 2-year balancing period for school BFT tolerance: no more than 10% for 2011-2012
 - (U.S. limit: 189.7 mt over 2 yrs; landings in 2011 ~ 58 mt)
- 10% cap on carryforward on underharvest now applies
 - (U.S. limit: 94.9 mt)



2012 Bluefin Tuna Quotas

- Proposed rule (published March 16, 2012) would:
 - Adjust the 923.7-mt U.S. baseline quota for underharvest
 - Account for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the dead discard estimate of 122.3 mt (2010 proxy) up front, from the Longline subquota
 - Apply $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount of underharvest allowed to be carried forward ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 94.9=47.5 mt) to the Longline category and maintain the other $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Reserve category, for an adjusted Reserve quota of 70.5 mt
- Proposed Longline subquota:
 - $74.8 \text{ mt} - 61.2 \text{ mt} + 47.5 \text{ mt} = 61.1 \text{ mt}$ adjusted quota
- Notice of Intent to prepare Amendment 7 pub April 23, 2012; Scoping meetings in May & June; CPE July 15, 2012



11-02 North Atlantic Swordfish

- Extended 06-02 and 10-02 Conservation of North Atlantic swordfish through 2013
- TAC is 13,700 t; total allocated is 15,345 t
- U.S. NSWQ quota unchanged (3,907 mt ww)
- Carry over limit for CPCs with quotas greater than 500 t = 25%, all other CPCs = 50%
- 150 t transfer from U.S. to Morocco for scientific research
- New alternative minimum size for dressed swordfish = 25 inch CK
- CPCs required to submit a fishery development/management plan to the Commission
- Retained U.S. ability to harvest up to 200 mt of quota between 5 deg. N & 5 deg. S.



2012 Swordfish Specifications

- Proposed rule on quotas and other management measures should publish May 1, 2012; CPE June 5, 2012

SWO SPECS	2011	2012
NSWO Base	2,937.6 mt dw	2,937.6 mt dw
NSWO Adjusted	4,406.4 mt dw	3,559.2 mt dw
SSWO Base	75.2 mt dw	75.2 mt dw
SSWO Adjusted	75.2 mt dw	75.2 mt dw



11-04 Rebuilding Program for North Atlantic Albacore

- Continues the 2010-2019 rebuilding program
- TAC maintained at 28,000 mt, based on SCRS recommendation
- Goal: rebuild by 2020
- TAC to include ALL harvesters w/recent directed landings
 - U.S. quota: 527 mt
- Rec. 11-04 maintains:
 - 25% carryforward of underage
 - Japan's bycatch limit of 4% of bigeye tuna catch
- Stock assessment requested for 2013, including a limit reference point; if stock drops below point, rebuilding plan triggered
- Calls on CPCs to collect data on changes to distribution and/or migratory routes, and factors that influence these changes



11-08 Silky Shark Recommendation

- Requires CPCs to release all silky sharks whether dead or alive
 - Developing CPCs exempted (for local consumption) provided Task I data submitted
- Prohibits the retention, transshipping, and landing of silky sharks caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
- Requires CPCs to record observed discards (with indication of status, i.e., dead or alive) and report it to the Commission
- Domestic rulemaking in development



11-19 Lifting Bigeye Tuna Trade Restrictions

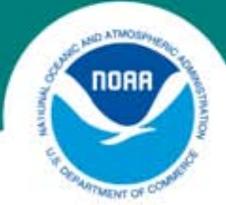
- Requires CPCs to lift the import prohibitions on Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products imposed on Bolivia and Georgia
- Domestic rulemaking underway



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Operations

- 11-01 – Bigeye and yellowfin tuna conservation and management
 - Vessel lists due July 1 (permitted and active vessels)
- 11-04 – Rebuilding plan for North Atlantic albacore
 - Vessel list due June 1
- 11-12 – ICCAT 20-meter Authorized Record of Vessels
 - Vessel list and reporting frequency increases
- 11-21 Recommendation on Electronic BCD



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No Domestic Rulemaking Needed

- 11-05 – Catch limits for Southern albacore
- 11-06 – Atlantic-wide research for bluefin tunas
- 11-07 – Rebuilding plan for blue and white marlins
- 11-09 – Reducing incidental by-catch of sea birds
- 11-10 – Harmonization of data on by-catch and discards



Discussion

Thank you for your attention

Questions?

Comments?

Concerns?