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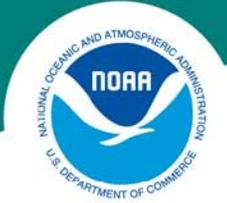


Workshop: Modernizing the HMS Management Structure

HMS Advisory Panel Meeting
Silver Spring, MD
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HMS Management Structure Modernization

Workshop Purpose: To consider alternative fishery management systems and discuss their possible applicability in HMS fisheries.

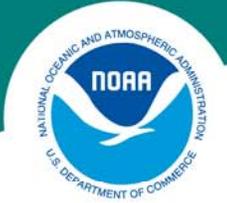
How we got here:

- Need for reduced complexity in permitting to allow for greater flexibility and meeting the needs of fisheries
- Input during public hearings and scoping meetings
- HMS AP input about needed improvements in October 2007 and April 2008 meetings
- This workshop builds upon permit reform discussions that occurred at 2007-08 AP meetings



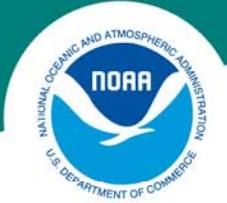
The HMS Management Structure Modernization Initiative

- Develop short and long term plans for modernizing HMS fishery management structure
- Assess and address permitting and operational issues
- Consider the many issues and suggestions that have been received
- Consider national initiatives and priorities that may affect and/or aid in management structure modernization



Some (but not all) Issues or Suggestions that Have Been Received

- Investigate possibilities for “one stop shopping” for permits
- Replace HMS “Triumvirate” with Single Permit
- Simplify Permit Requirements for Squid Trawlers That Incidentally Capture Swordfish
- Reduce Latent Permits with Active Permits (“Use or Lose”)



Some (but not all) Issues or Suggestions that Have Been Received

- Modify or Remove Limited Access Vessel Permit Upgrading Restrictions
- Renew/issue lapsed permits
- Establish gear-based permits
- Create SWO General category permit



Fishery Management Structures

Open Access permit structure sometimes results in a fishery with many small scale participants that can collectively overexploit the resource. This structure can also facilitate derby fisheries and/or over-investment in a fishery.

Limited Access permit structure can result in fewer fishery participants, but can, in some cases, encourage an overinvestment in capacity in a race for the fish.



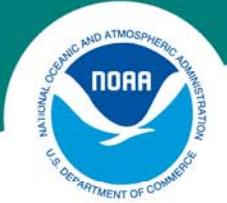
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Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs) can result in a fishery that is harvested more consistently over time to match market demands. It may result in more efficient fishing operations and higher profits. However, the fishery may become more concentrated.



Fishery Management Structures

Fishery Sectors can result in more efficient fishing operations and higher profits as well as reduced regulation through negotiation. It may also allow for a greater balance of social and economic goals. However, sector members may be individually and/or jointly responsible for regulatory violations.



Terminology

Limited Access – No new permits are issued.

Limited Access Privilege – The privilege to harvest a portion of a TAC



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Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP) – A program that administers limited access privileges
—Includes individual fishing quotas (IFQs) and individual transferable quotas (ITQs)

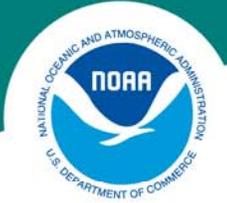
IFQ – A portion of a TAC issued to an individual in a fishery

ITQ – An IFQ that is transferable to another individual



Terminology

Fishery Sector – a group of persons acting as an entity to which a share or fraction of the TAC in a fishery has been granted. The group normally has voluntarily agreed to certain fishing restrictions for a specified period of time. The group may negotiate the restrictions to better fit the way the group fishes.



Modernizing the HMS Management Structure

Workshop Purpose: To consider permit systems and structure of fishery management and discuss possible applicability in HMS fisheries.

- Order of workshop speakers and discussion
- Desired outcomes of workshop:
 - Increased knowledge of various fishery management structures
 - Obtain input from AP on possible applicability and interest for HMS fisheries in the future