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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Compendium

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Purpose and Need

- Currently, information on HMS management measures is scattered throughout multiple FMPs, Amendments, and other documents.
 - Consolidate information
 - Make it easier to understand
 - Better inform the public
- What is a compendium?
 - 'A brief summary of a larger work or of a field of knowledge.'

Objectives

- Create a comprehensive document which summarizes the history of existing Atlantic HMS management measures.
 - Combine information from existing HMS FMPs/amendments
 - 'Living' document, will be updated periodically
 - *Note: The document would not be a substitute for the regulations nor would it describe how to comply with the regulations.*

What this document is not:

- It does not include any new management measures
- It is not a compliance guide
- It does not contain certain FMP requirements:
 - NEPA analyses
 - Tables (landings, etc.)
 - Community profiles
 - RIR, IRFA/FRFA

Structure of Document

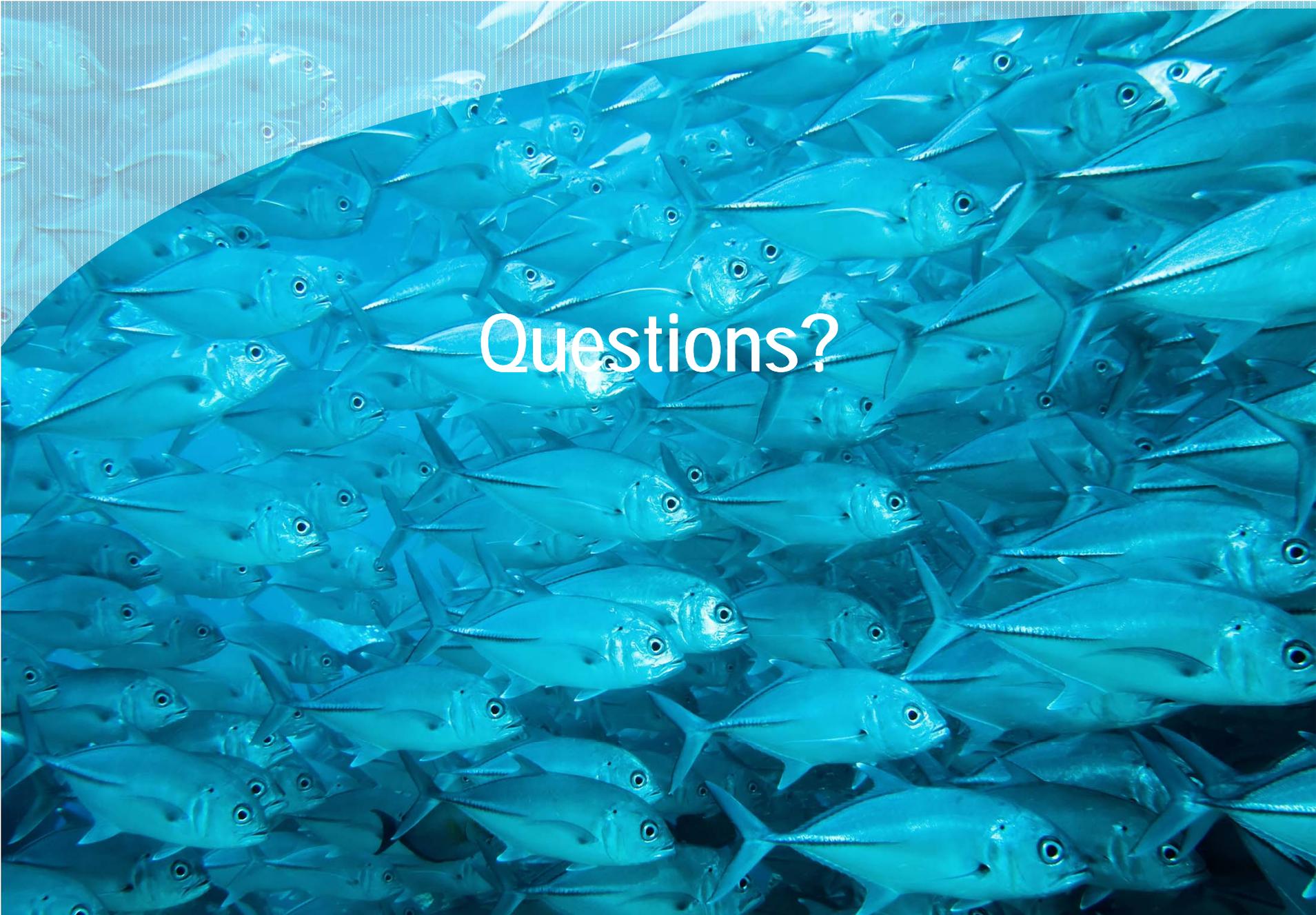
- Introduction
 - Purpose, history, management objectives
- Status Determination Criteria
- General Provisions
 - Definitions, permits and fees, time/area closures, recordkeeping and reporting, ACLs/AMs, etc.
 - Compliance monitoring and provisions
- Management Measures
 - Gear type
 - Species complex (commercial, recreational, CH/HB)

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- Dealers
- Tournaments
- Permits for Specially Authorized Activities (EFPs, etc.)
- International Considerations
- Appendices (e.g., List of HMS managed species)

Tentative Timeline and Next Steps

- Spring 2014: Present draft compendium to AP
- Summer/Fall 2014: Solicit public input on draft compendium
- 2014/2015: Release final compendium



Questions?

