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Draft Guidance for Conducting 5/7 Year Reviews of Catch Share Programs

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Guidance Document

- We are finalizing a guidance document for 5/7 year reviews of catch share programs
- We received feedback from the CCC in February and sent out a revised draft prior to this meeting



Overview of Changes- Timing of Reviews

Initial review: 5 years* after the program was established

- No longer says “within 5 years”
- MSA does not specify that the review must include data from the first 5 years of the program
- Plans should include as much data as possible – but reviews should not be delayed to wait for data

**for programs implemented after January 12, 2007; 7 years for those implemented before 2007*



Overview of Changes- Process



Review Plan

- Review should include mechanism for public input

Review Team

- Determined by Council, with Council as lead (or as co-lead with NMFS)

Incorporate Existing Interim Reports

- To the extent practicable, incorporate existing NMFS or Council annual reports to minimize workload



Overview of Changes- Process

NMFS Concurrence

- Council approves final review plan; NMFS “concurrs” that the plan will meet the MSA requirement
- At completion of the review, NMFS “concurrs” that the plan was followed and the review meets the requirements of the MSA



Overview of Changes- General Approach and Scope

Objective of review is to assess progress in meeting goals and objectives of the program and MSA

- Describe and analyze changes that have taken place *since* the baseline time period (pre- implementation or implementation) or last review
- It is not a NEPA document
- Incorporate by reference and summarize other relevant findings when possible

Overview of Changes- Analyses

Councils determine which MSA 303A provisions require thorough analysis. For issues not analyzed in-depth, document reason.

- Goals and objectives
- Allocation
- Eligibility requirements
- Transferability
- ACL/quota performance
- Accumulation limits/caps
- Cost recovery
- Data collection, monitoring and enforcement
- Duration of program
- New entrants
- Auctions/royalties

Overview of Changes- Allocation Policy

Clarification of interaction between Allocation Policy and CS Reviews.

- NMFS Allocation Policy should be finalized this month.
- Within 3 years (or as soon as practicable), Councils should identify appropriate review-triggers for FMPs with explicit allocations
- If the 5/7 year review is identified as the trigger for a program, then the allocations should be reviewed
- If an alternative trigger is identified and the trigger has not been met, an in-depth analysis of allocations is not required for that CS review

Guidance Development Timeline

May 2016: overview/discussion of updated guidelines with CCC

June 2016: Discussion at all June Council meetings (as needed)

July, 2016: Comments/feedback from Councils to NMFS HQ.

