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Sustainable Fisheries Performance Measures

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Performance Measure Overview

High Priority Performance Goals (HPPG)

Annual Catch Limits

Catch Shares

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High Priority Performance Goals

HPPG are an Obama administration initiative, and were established in 2010.

HPPG are “challenging, near-term performance improvements agencies will strive to deliver for the American people using existing legislative authority and budgetary resources.”

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High Priority Performance Goals

- 3 HPPG identified for NOAA in FY11:

1. Required ACLs in place by end of 2011
2. End overfishing by managing under ACLs
3. Achieve FSSI score of 586 in 2011

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HPPG 1: ACLs in place by end of 2011

- Full wording of measure is:
  - Ensure that all 46 Federal fishery management plans have required catch limits to end overfishing in place by the end of 2011.
- Performance criteria:
  - Final rule implementing ACL and AM mechanisms published by Dec 31, 2011
  - This includes identification of stocks exempt from ACLs due to 1 year life cycle, international agreement, or ecosystem component
- Status:
  - 6 FMPs complete - Lots of work underway – see handout

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HPPG 2: End overfishing by managing under ACLs

- Full wording of measure is:
  - Reduce the number of stocks subject to overfishing to zero by the end of 2011.
- Performance criteria:
  - Applies to U.S. domestic stocks listed as subject to overfishing prior to the 2010 fishing year.
  - ACLs established for fishery (through specifications or other process)
- Status:
  - ACLs for most overfishing stocks are in place (see handout)

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HPPG 3: Fish Stocks Sustainability Index – 586 in 2011

- Full wording of measure is:
  - Improve the Fish Stock Sustainability Index (FSSI) to 586 by the end of 2011
- Performance criteria:
  - FSSI score at or above 586 by Dec 31, 2011
- Status:
  - Expect to exceed the target of 586 in 2011.
  - FSSI as of Dec 31, 2010 is 583

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Fish Stocks Sustainability Index – Quarter ending 12/31/10

- Stock status changes from 10/1/10 to 12/31/10:
  1. Winter skate (NE) - B/Bmsy>80%: +1 point
  2. Pacific cod - Pacific coast - Not subject to overfishing (previously unknown): +1.5 point
  3. Southern Tanner crab - Bering Sea - overfished (previously not overfished): - 1 point
  4. Red king crab - Pribilof Islands - B/Bmsy<80%: -1 point

Net gain in FSSI: 0.5

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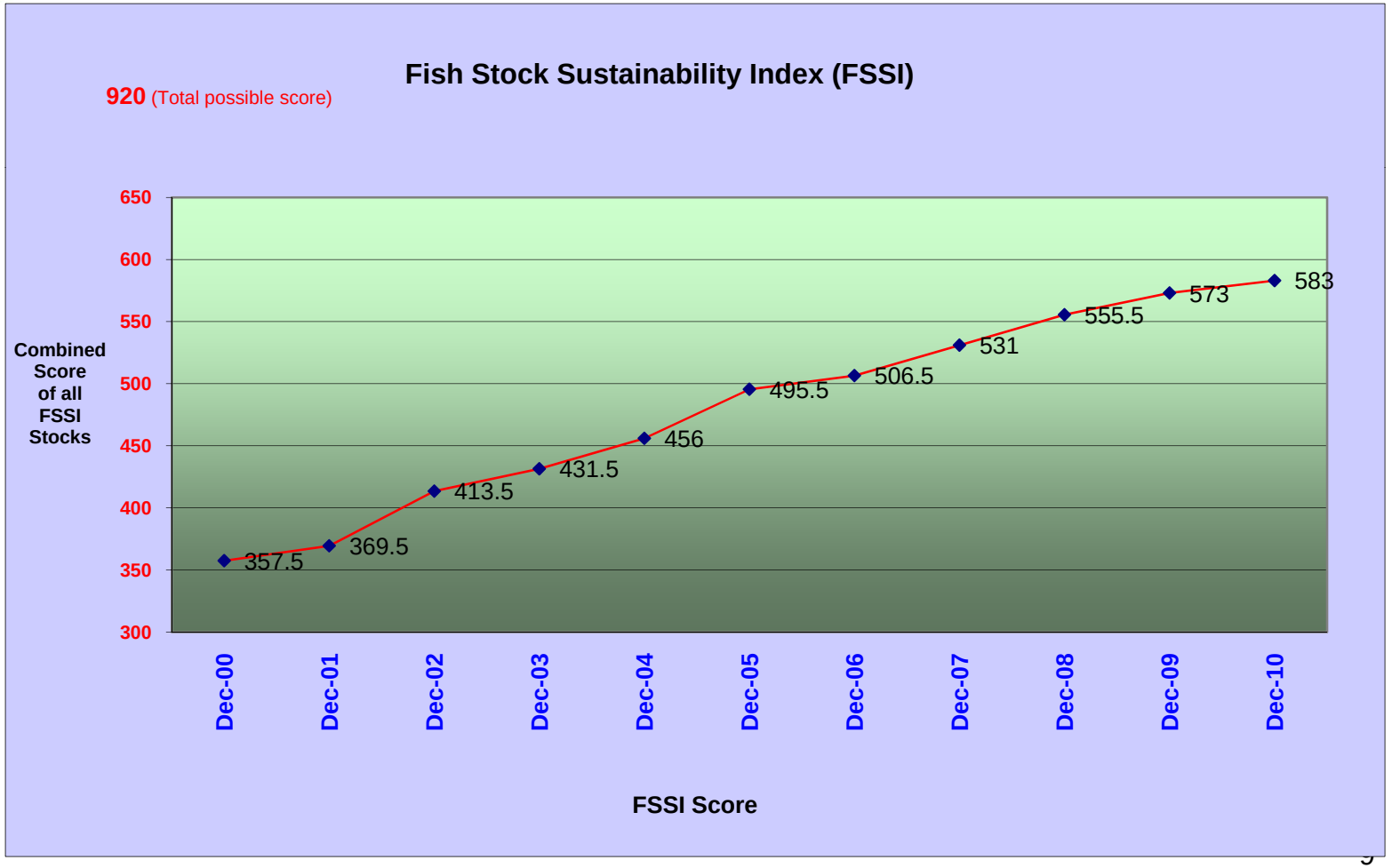
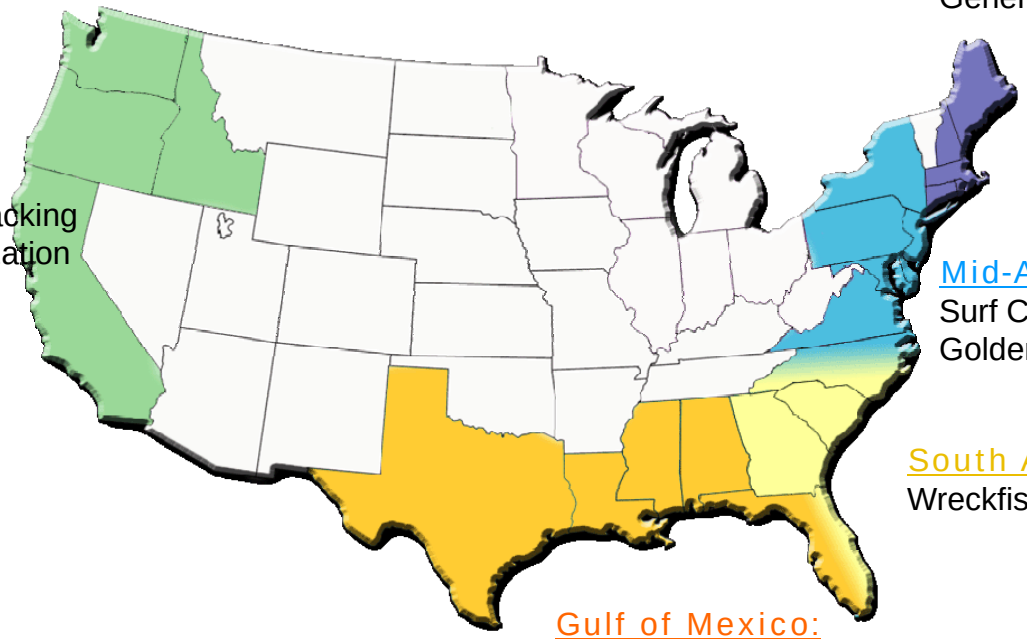


Catch Share Programs by Region

North Pacific:
Halibut & Sablefish
Western Alaska CDQ
Bering Sea AFA Pollock Cooperative
Groundfish (non-Pollock) Cooperatives
Bering Sea King & Tanner Crab
Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish

New England:
Multispecies Sector
General Category Sea Scallop



Pacific:
Pacific Sablefish Permit Stacking
Groundfish Trawl Rationalization

Mid-Atlantic:
Surf Clam & Ocean Quahog
Golden Tilefish

South Atlantic:
Wreckfish

Western Pacific

Gulf of Mexico:
Red Snapper
Grouper/Tilefish

Caribbean:

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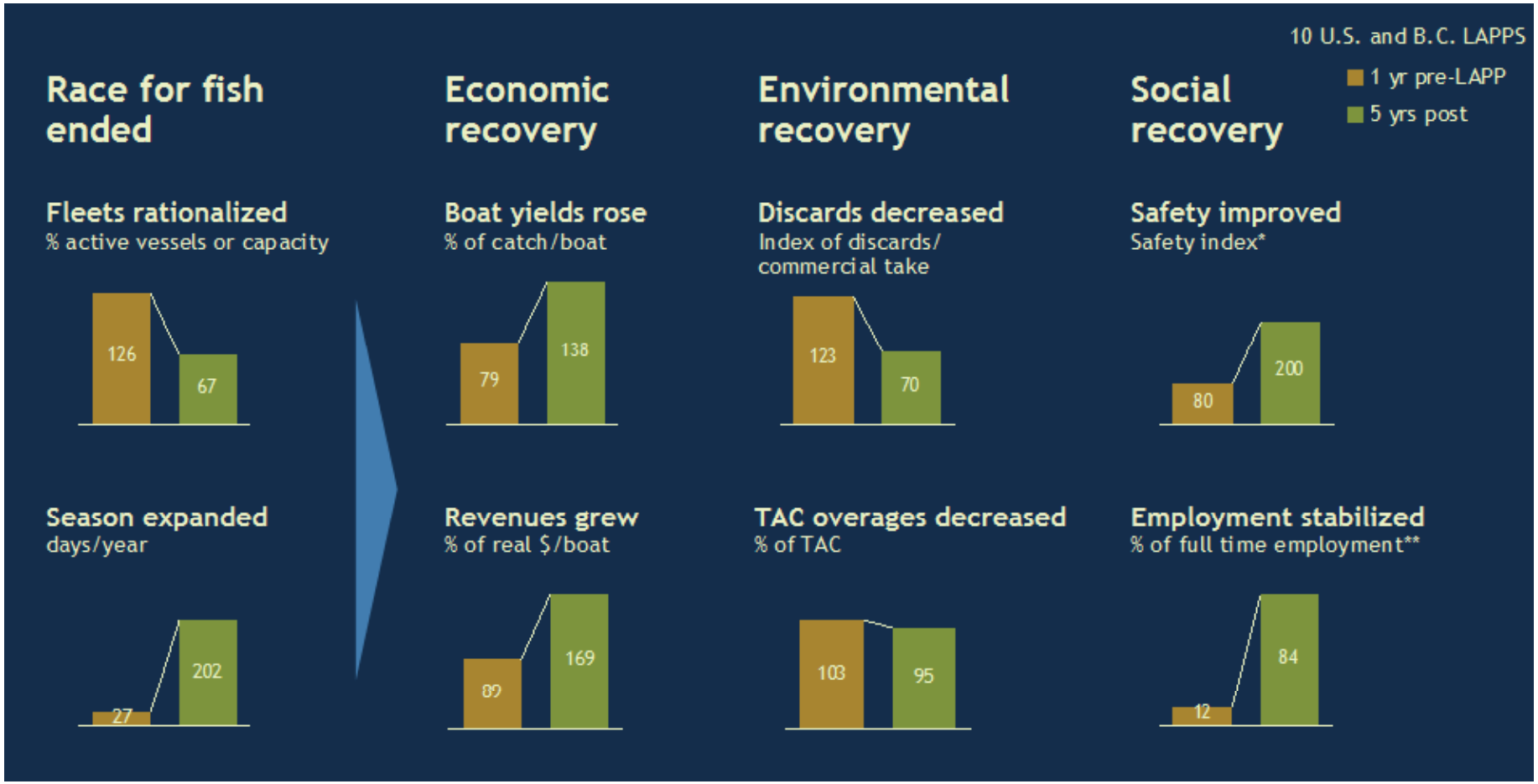
Results of Catch Shares



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Catch Shares

New performance measure for FY11. Full wording of measure is:

- Number of catch share programs meeting key objectives:
  - Increased revenue per vessel
  - Increased or full utilization of target species
  - Decreased bycatch
  - ACL not exceeded.

Comparison will be to fishery prior to implementation of C.S.

- Status:
  - Initiating data collection

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Percentage of ACLs not Exceeded

- New performance measure
- Beginning data collection and reporting in 2011
- Based on comparison of total catch to ACL

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Additional Domestic Fisheries Priorities

Adequacy of fishery data available for management –

- ACLs
- Catch shares
- Currently developing a plan of action

National Standard 10 (safety) guideline revision.

- New Coast Guard requirements
- Expected NTSB report
- Work on safety analysis methodologies by NIOSH.
- Currently developing an ANPR for scoping.