

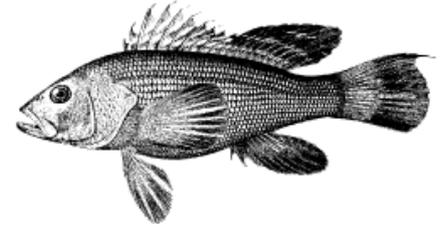
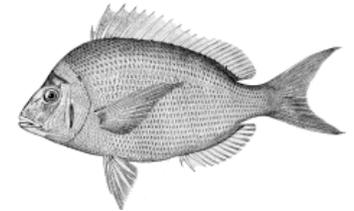
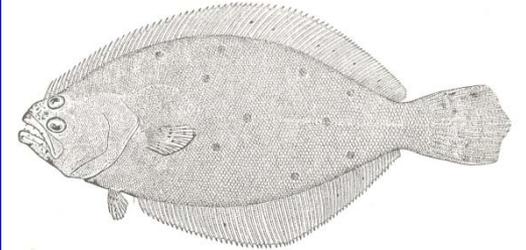
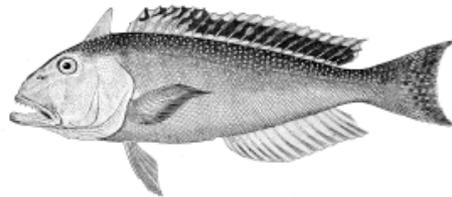
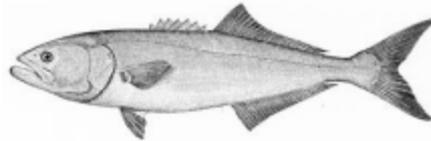
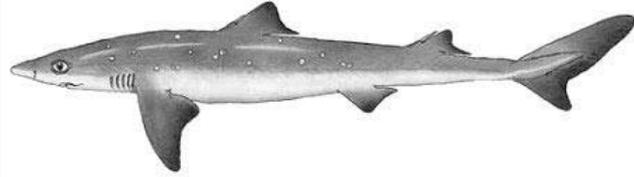
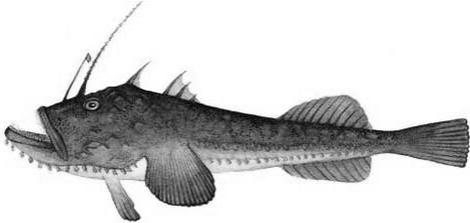
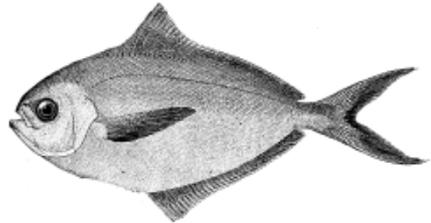
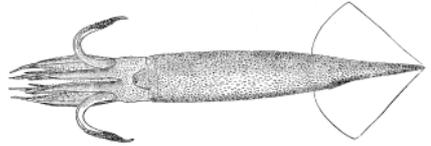
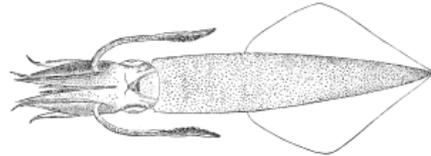
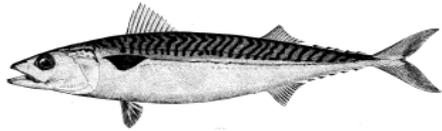
MAFMC Update

Rick Robins
MAFMC Chairman
May 2011 CCC Meeting



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

7 Plans, 13 Species



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Key Management Actions

- ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment (MSRA/NS1)
 - Council submitted to NMFS in October 2010
 - Will amend all MAFMC FMPs simultaneously
 - Formalized processes for addressing both scientific and management uncertainty

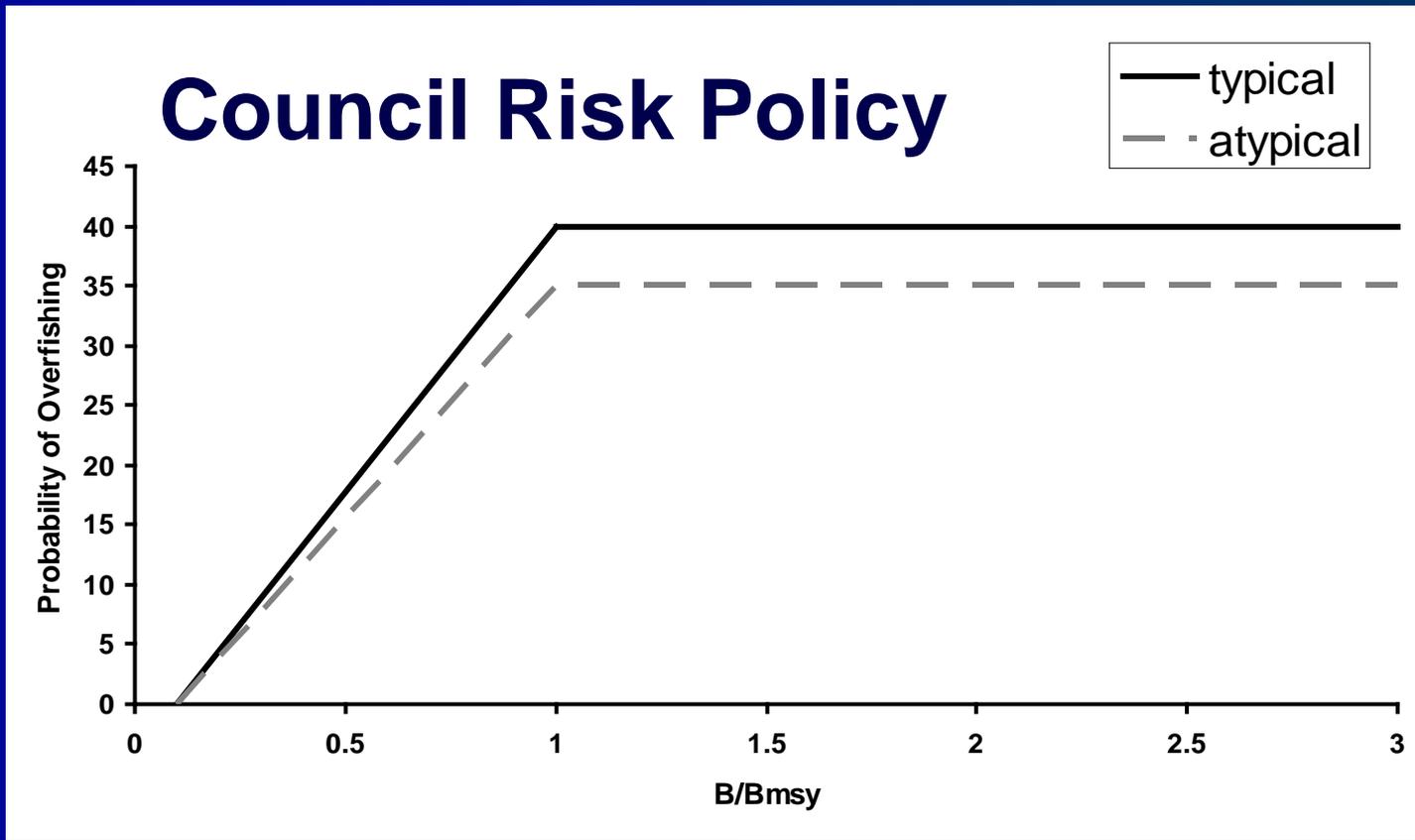


Key Management Actions

- Established ABC control rule framework to be used in conjunction with Council risk policy
- Four-tier ABC framework based on quality of the stock assessment information
- Formal Council risk policy which considers both stock size and life history information



Key Management Actions



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- Established ABC=ACL for all resources, and ACT(s) used in conjunction with other AMs to address management uncertainty
- Established a system to review performance and make adjustments (adaptive process)



2011 Priorities - Actions

- River herring/shad incidental catch in Atl. mackerel and *Loligo* squid fisheries
- Excessive shares, cost recovery, etc. for surfclam and ocean quahogs
- Spiny Dogfish (allocation, limited access)
- Monkfish catch shares
- Scup allocation issues



2011 Priorities - Other

- RSA program review
- Ecosystems & Spatial Planning
- Communications and outreach
- MARCO representation issues



2011 Priorities - Other

- AP fishery performance reports (in consultation with SSC)
- Visioning/strategic planning project



Visioning / Strategic Planning Project

- Defines and develops a new way for the Council to better engage stakeholders
- Creates a vision for MAFMC fisheries that informs management plans
- The Council will develop a strategic plan with stakeholder input and use the strategic plan to achieve the vision.

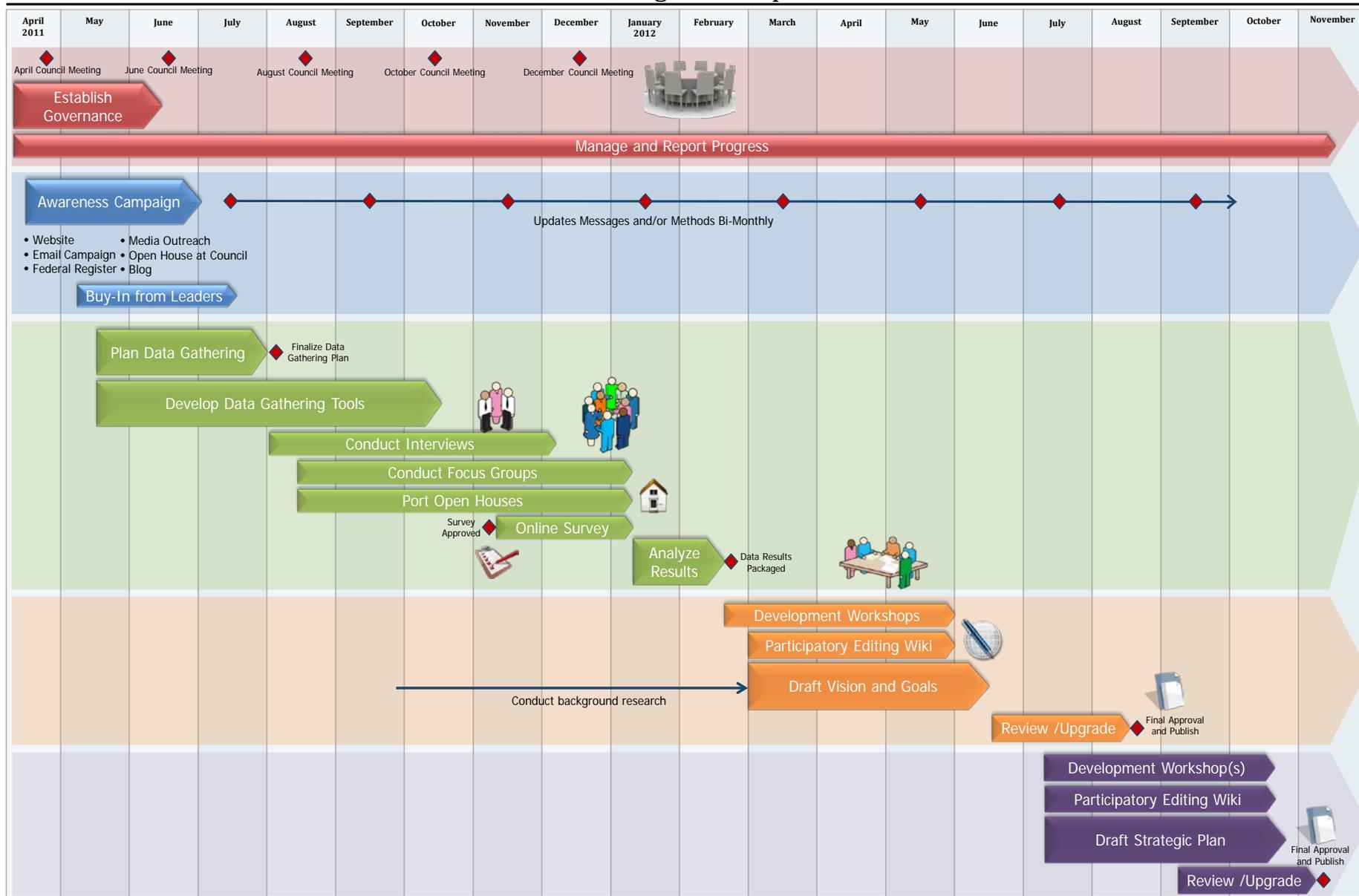


Visioning / Strategic Planning Project

- Council utilized Touchstone Inc. consulting to create roadmap for project.
- Roadmap will be posted to website:
<http://www.mafmc.org/Visioning/Visioning.htm>



MAFMC Visioning Roadmap: April 2011 through November 2012



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AP Fishery Performance Reports (FPRs)

- Several species where SSC focuses on catches and trawl survey data for ABC
- FPRs facilitate input from Advisory Panel
- First FRPs have been created and posted
Three step process: (1) Info Doc, (2) Webinar, (3) Meeting to create reports.

