

CCC Meeting
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Fishery Management Council

Activities of General Interest

- Annual Catch Limits Progress
- Ending Overfishing & Rebuilding Plans
- Catch Shares
- CMSP in New England

Annual Catch Limits (8 of 9 FMPs Completed)

1. **Multispecies (20 stocks) - completed**
2. **Sea scallops - completed**
3. **Atlantic herring - completed**
4. **Monkfish (joint NEFMC lead) - completed**
5. **Whiting, Red Hake, offshore - pends**
6. **Skates (7 species) - completed**
7. **Deep sea red crab - completed**
8. **Dogfish (joint MAFMC lead) - completed**
9. **Atlantic salmon - completed**

Ending Overfishing and Rebuilding Plans

- 36 stocks managed
- 13 stocks overfishing (all groundfish)
- 13 stocks under rebuilding plans (all groundfish)
- Last assessments 2008, 2007 data
- New assessment June 2011

Stock Status

FMP or Species

Not Overfished and not Overfishing

Sea Scallops
Atlantic Herring
Monkfish
Silver Hake
Red Hake
Offshore Hake
Barndoor Skate
Rosette Skate
Little Skate
Clearnose Skate
Dogfish
Red Crab
Winter Skate
Smooth Skate

14

Overfished but not Overfishing

Salmon
Thorny Skate

2

Not Overfished but Overfishing

0

Overfished and Overfishing

0

Groundfish Stock Status	2007 (GARM III)/New July 2011
<p>Overfished and Overfishing</p> <p> $Biomass < \frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ AND $F > F_{MSY}$ </p>	<p> GB Cod GB Yellowtail SNE/MA Yellowtail GOM/CC Yellowtail SNE/MA Winter Flounder White Hake Witch GB Winter Flounder GOM Winter Flounder No. Windowpane </p> <p>10</p>
<p>Overfished but not Overfishing</p> <p> $Biomass < \frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ AND $F \leq F_{MSY}$ </p>	<p> Ocean Pout Halibut Wolfish </p> <p>3</p>
<p>Not Overfished but Overfishing</p> <p> $Biomass \geq \frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ AND $F > F_{MSY}$ </p>	<p> GOM Cod So. Windowpane </p> <p>2</p>
<p>Not Overfished and not Overfishing</p> <p> $Biomass \geq \frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$ AND $F \leq F_{MSY}$ </p>	<p> Redfish` Plaice GB Haddock GOM Haddock Pollock </p> <p data-bbox="1653 1153 1727 1232">5</p>

Catch Share Programs

- Catch Share Programs allocate a specific portion of the total allowable fishery catch to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities.
- 19 Groundfish Sectors, Gen Cat IFQ, and Monkfish and LA Scallop IFQ programs under development.
- Scallop access program with YT allocation, SAPs with cod bycatch allocation, US/CA sharing of cod, haddock and YT, & haddock allocations in herring.

New England IFQ Requirements

- MSA requires 2/3 referendum for IFQs only
- For GOM, NE Referendum Sec must publish guidelines and voting eligibility requirements (crew participation)
- Not for sectors just IFQs (lawsuit)

Self-Selecting Sectors

- Included in Amendment 13 and A16.
- Membership voluntary. Hard TACs.
- A16 removed Limit (cap) of 20% of TAC for species. Currently evaluating accumulation limits.
- Council must approve. NMFS implements.

Coastal Marine Spatial Planning

- **NROC – Likely to be Foundation of Regional Planning Body in NE, plus Tribes**
- **NROC Recognizes Important Role of Federal and State Fishery Managers and the Need for Them to be at the Table**
- **However, the NOC Makes the RPB Appointments**
- **How Can There be a Level Playing Field for Stakeholders Without Regional and State Fisheries Representation at the Table on the RPB?? Is Consultation for Such an Important Social and Economic Ocean Use (Commercial and Rec Fisheries) adequate? NO!!!**
- **June 2011 National CMSP Workshop**
- **Regional Planning Bodies (RPB) established after that**

BOEMRE Federal-State Task Forces

- ME, MA and RI Task Forces
- Task Forces for offshore wind only
- MA has RFI, ME and RI no RFI to date
- Task Forces requested by states and include Fed – State – Tribes (FACA Concerns)
- ME and MA have state initiatives as well for wind energy inside 3 miles

BOEMRE Task Forces

- The intent of our new National Ocean Policy is to establish comprehensive multi sector plans throughout the region
- This is not happening. Rather, it is just the opposite. State by state, singular focused wind sector planning and development is underway. The adverse impacts on fishing will likely be significantly greater if energy needs are not addressed comprehensively and regionally IAW National Policy
- We need to protect our fishery resources and fisheries economy. We need to make sure commercial and recreational fishing is not prohibited in any wind farm areas
- NEFMC ED will attend BOEMRE Task Force meetings

Summary

- **New England stocks are showing significant improvements. Scallops, monkfish, herring, redfish and haddock are rebuilt.**
- **Future long term prospects (landings and revenues) look good as long as stocks continue to rebuild. ACLs and AMs along with EBFM will help rebuilding.**
- **Overcapacity and latent effort in many of our fisheries must be addressed to ensure these good prospects. Catch Share Programs will help.**
- **New MSRA requirements along with new Council management strategies/catch shares has resulted in much short term uncertainty and confusion, but looking ahead over the longer term these changes should promote sustainable - healthy fisheries.**
- **New Ocean Policy EO with Coastal Marine Spatial Planning activities is being closely followed by NEFMC. CMSP will have considerable impacts on our New England fisheries.**