Whiting Related Clarifications

Agenda Item F.4.a
Attachment 5
Permit Qualification for Whiting Quota Dropping Same Two Years

- IFQ and MS Co-op both use 1994-2003 allocation period, drop two years

- Both programs specified permits participating in both fisheries would drop same 2 years

- Council action did not address what happens with IFQs for one sector and co-ops for other.

- The write-up of final preferred alternative does not include drop same year requirement but footnotes the issue.
Effects of Choice

- 28 of 32 permits have some participation in both (94-03).

- Consider two permits both with the same total whiting (20k mt)
  - Permit 1 fished every year in one sector (2k mt/yr).
    - |   | '94 | '95 | '96 | '97 | '98 | '99 | '00 | '01 | '02 | '03 |
    - | SS | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k |
  - Permit 2 fished 5 years in one sector and 5 years in the other.
    - |   | '94 | '95 | '96 | '97 | '98 | '99 | '00 | '01 | '02 | '03 |
    - | SS | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k |
    - | MS | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k | 2k |
  - After dropping 2 years,
    - Permit 1 gets credit for 16K,
    - Permit 2 gets credit for 20K (25% more whiting across both sectors)
Whiting Rollover

• Within year rollover of whiting between at-sea sectors
  – Status quo – rollover between sectors
  – Options – no rollover and rollover
  – June PPA – no rollover
  – November FPA – no action (Section B-1.2)

• Staff assumed status quo – whiting rollover

  – Note: bycatch rollover between sectors is allowed.
Management of Bycatch: Buffers

- Applies to: non-co-op segment of mothership co-op fishery
  - Vessels opting out of co-ops, racing for fish.

- Concern: bycatch overage by vessels in the non-co-op fishery could shut down co-ops and others.

- Options: consider buffers and consider no buffers with closure on projected attainment.

- June PPA: no buffers with closure on projected attainment
- November FPA: same as June for Section B-1.3.2,
  - the summary
    • mentioned bycatch rollover Option 1,
    • but did not explicitly mention the buffer option (part of same section)

- Staff assumed same as June also included no buffers and closure on projected attainment.