

TRACKING AND MONITORING FOR TRAWL RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM

At its November 2007 meeting, the Council finalized for analysis the trawl rationalization alternatives, with the exception of certain sections on program administration related to tracking and monitoring and costs and fees. At that meeting, the Council established an Ad Hoc Trawl Rationalization Tracking and Monitoring Committee (TRTMC) to advise staff on refinement of the tracking and monitoring program. Since then, the TRTMC has met twice. At this meeting, the Council is being asked to provide guidance on development of the tracking and monitoring program provisions. At its June 2008 meeting, the Council is scheduled to select a preliminary preferred alternative on all aspects of the trawl rationalization alternatives. Based on the preferred alternative, the environmental impact statement will be finalized over the summer and released for public review in the early fall so that the Council can take final action at its November 2008 Council meeting.

The tracking and monitoring program provisions contained within the current IFQ alternative are provided in Agenda Item F.6.a, Attachment 1. The TRTMC met November 30, 2007, and February 13, 2008. At their first meeting, they reviewed the current tracking and monitoring program provisions and developed an approach for evaluating and refining them. At their second meeting, they developed goals and objectives and on that basis provided guidance to staff on refining the program provisions. A refined version of the goals and objectives and tracking and monitoring provisions will be provided to the Council in its supplemental materials (Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental T&M Draft Revisions). Some tracking and monitoring program elements that will be in that draft that are not part of the current Council alternative are:

- specification of different at-sea monitoring requirements for whiting and nonwhiting vessels and
- the mandatory submission of processor production reports.

The Council should review the supplemental materials and provide guidance as needed for the ongoing effort to develop the tracking and monitoring program.

Council Action:

Provide guidance on development of tracking and monitoring program alternatives.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.6.a, Attachment 1: Current Tracking and Monitoring Program Provisions.
2. Agenda Item F.6.b, Supplemental T&M Draft Revisions: Draft Revisions to Tracking and Monitoring Program Alternatives.
3. Agenda Item F.6.d, Groundfish Allocation Committee Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Current Status of Program Administration Issues
- c. Agency and Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Refine Tracking and Monitoring and Other Program Administration Provisions as Appropriate for Analysis

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