

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 20 – TRAWL RATIONALIZATION –  
ANALYSIS PARAMETERS FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In November of 2008, the Council stated the intention to have an Adaptive Management Program (AMP) for the shoreside non-whiting sector, but elected to develop the details of the program through a trailing action. The trailing action schedule involved (1) an issue briefing at the January 27 – 29, 2009 Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) meeting, (2) delineation of analysis parameters at the April, 2009 Council meeting, (3) presentation of analysis at the May 5 – 7, 2009 GAC meeting, where GAC recommendations to the Council would occur, and (4) final decision making by the Council at the June, 2009 Council meeting.

In order to continue orderly development of AMP options and analysis, key items need to be identified at this meeting:

- The specification of AMP goals and objectives.
- The identification of AMP options for analysis, such as
  - The allocation decision making process: should analysis focus on a process for awarding AMP quota that is formulaic, proposal-driven, potentially taking on the characteristics of an Exempted Fishing Permit process, or some other process?
  - The decision-making organizational structure: should the analysis focus on the states, the Council, or National Marine Fisheries Service taking lead roles in soliciting AMP proposals, reviewing AMP proposals, and approving AMP awards?

Council staff has been considering possible design elements for an AMP. These thoughts and concepts were outlined in a white paper provided in the March 2009 Briefing Book (included here as Agenda Item F.5.a, Council Staff White Paper on Adaptive Management Program Options). Within this white paper are several possible options that the Council may wish to consider for inclusion or exclusion from further analysis.

Particular items needing Council decision and guidance under this agenda item are included as a supplemental staff report (Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental Staff Report: Summary of Decision Points, Including Example Options).

**Council Action:**

- 1. Specify goals and objectives for an Adaptive Management Program.**
- 2. Specify options for further analysis.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item F.5.a, Council Staff White Paper on Adaptive Management Program Options.
2. Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental Staff Report: Summary of Decision Points, Including Example Options.

3. Agenda Item F.5.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Merrick Burden/Kit Dahl
- b. Reports and Comments of Agencies and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action: Adopt Parameters for Adaptive Management Program**

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