

FMP AMENDMENT 20 – TRAWL RATIONALIZATION—FINAL ACTION ON ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Adaptive Management Program (AMP) is one of the trailing actions of trawl rationalization scheduled to be completed at this meeting. At the April Council meeting, the Council preliminarily adopted a set of goals and objectives and specified the use of a formulaic approach to allocating AMP quota pounds (Agenda Item E.12.a, Attachment 1). The preliminary motion specified that the details of the AMP during years three through five would be decided during the first two years of the trawl rationalization program. For the first two years of the rationalization program the Council forwarded two options to be decided at this meeting. One option is described as a “pass through” and would effectively call for no AMP during the first two years of the program. The second option tasked the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) with developing a simple formulaic approach that could be implemented during the first two years of the program. The GMT’s response to that direction is attached as Agenda Item E.12.b, GMT Report.

At the May meeting of the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC), the GAC considered the GMT report on AMP and voted to recommend that the year one and two pass through option be adopted by the Council. The May GAC report is found at Agenda Item E.11.b, GAC Report. The relevant section of that report is included here as Agenda Item E.12.a, Attachment 1. The Council’s task under this agenda item is to specify whether a “pass through” option will be used during the first two years of a trawl rationalization program, or whether a simple formulaic approach will be adopted during years one and two.

Council Task:

1. Confirm or modify the year three through five adaptive management program approach as specified in the April motion.
2. Adopt a year one and two adaptive management program approach or specify the use of a “pass through” for years one and two of the trawl rationalization program.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.12.a, Attachment 1: April 2009 Supplemental Motion in Writing.
2. Agenda Item E.12.a, Attachment 2: GAC Report Excerpts.
3. Agenda Item E.12.b, GMT Report.
4. Agenda Item E.12.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative

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