

AGENDA ITEM H.7

GEAR SWITCHING AND SABLEFISH AREA MANAGEMENT UPDATE

November, 2019

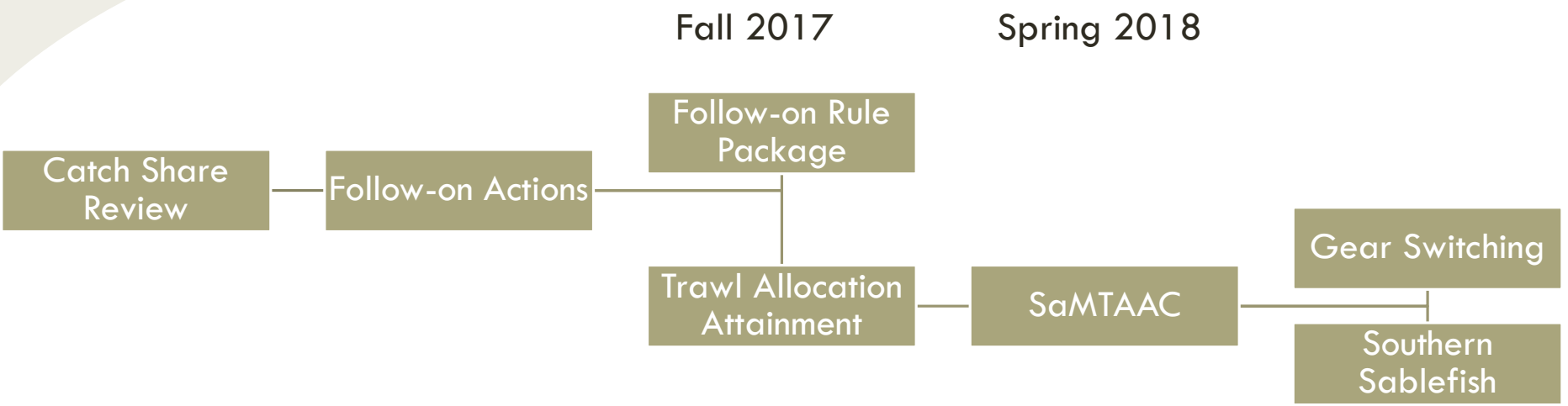
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COUNCIL DECISION

Review progress and provide guidance on alternatives, future analyses and schedule, as needed.



SAMTAAC CONTEXT



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Committee — 4 meetings

- **June 2018**
- **October 2018 (Info Report to Nov Council Mtg)**
- **May 2019 (Info Report to June Council Mtg)**
- **October 2019**

Some Primary Achievements

- **Purpose and Need Statement**
- **24 Alternatives Narrowed to 3**



PURPOSE AND NEED

NMFS Guidance to SaMTAAC (see Sit Sum)

The purpose and need statement is a critical guide that sets the stage for the analysis of an action. Strong purpose and need statements define the range of alternatives considered and strike a balance between not being too broad or too narrow. Purpose and need statements should be able to answer key questions, including:

what is the problem,

why are we taking action,

what are the objectives of the action (solution), and

what are we trying to achieve?



ALTERNATIVES (OVERVIEW)

No Action (Status Quo Regulations)

Action Alternatives

Alt 1: Gear Restricted Specific QP Issued Annually

(Opt-out opportunity)

Alt 2: Gear Switching Endorsements on LE Permits

(Low level opportunity for non-endorsed)

Alt 3: Active Trawler Designation Required

(Exemption available)



SCHEDULE GOING FORWARD

- January 2020 – SaMTAAC Meeting
- March 2020 – Range of Alternatives
- September 2020 – PPA
- TBD – FPA



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