



# Section 102 Joint Council Workgroup: Conditional Accountability Measures

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# What?

- Accountability measures are triggered as a result of another event
  - Designed to counteract the triggering event
  - Maintain responsibility to manage stock sustainably
  - Examples:
    - Trip limit adjustments
    - Bag limit adjustments
    - Payback provisions
    - In-season closures
    - Post-season effort adjustments



# South Atlantic Examples:

- In-season closures for many species
- Payback provisions
  - Usually tied to stock status
    - Overfished/Overfishing
- Trip limit step-downs based on percent of ACL landed
  - Mostly commercial
  - Also used in Gulf



# Gulf Examples:

- Commercial trip limit reduction for greater Amberjack
  - Trip limit reduced to 250 lbs gw once 75% of ACL is met
- Private recreational red snapper payback provision
  - If state-specific ACL is exceeded in a year, then the following year's ACL is reduced by the previous year's overage



# New Way of Thinking...

- Often use AMs to fix a negative outcome
  - No reason they can't be used to increase opportunities
    - Responsible for trying to manage to OY, sustainably
- Triggers can be anything the Councils want
  - Underharvest could trigger:
    - Increase in season length
    - Increase in bag/trip limit
    - Temporary allocation shift



# Example: Gulf King Mackerel

- CMP Amendment 29
  - Explored allocation sharing strategy
  - Quota would shift between sectors depending on the previous year's landings
    - 1<sup>st</sup> priority was to maintain year-round recreational season
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> priority was to increase overall harvest, achieve OY
- Gulf king mackerel management is complex
  - Influenced by 40+ year-old allocation
  - No IFQ program



# Other Possibilities

- South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper
  - Historic recreational underharvest
  - Popular species with private and for-hire vessels
  - SEDAR 64: MRIP-FES and SSB adjustment
    - If recreational quota continues to not be met, bag limit could be increased
    - Measures to increase catch can be rescinded if some percentage of stock ACL is met



# Other Possibilities

- Gulf Spanish Mackerel
  - Historic stock underharvest
  - Common species nearshore and offshore
  - SEDAR 28: Dramatic increase in OFL/ABC
    - If stock quota continues to not be met:
      - Remove size limit
      - Increase bag limit
    - Measures to increase catch can be rescinded if some percentage of stock ACL is met
    - Use interim analyses to monitor stock health





# So What's Next?

- Other species that may benefit from novel approach to AMs?
- Other potential triggers and outcomes?



# Questions?

