



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
 - 1st priority was to maintain year-round recreational season
 - 2nd 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 - Measures to increase catch can be rescinded if some percentage of stock ACL is met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 - Measures to increase catch can be rescinded if some percentage of stock ACL is met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?

