

SSC Report – Oct. 22, 2018 Meeting

Allocation Review Policy and Triggers



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Allocation Review Triggers

Review triggers: criteria for initiating allocation reviews

Policy considers 3 types of triggers:

- ❖ public interest-based triggers;
- ❖ time-based triggers; and
- ❖ indicator-based triggers

Summary SSC Comments

- **Public Interest-Based Triggers:** petitions could be influenced by special interests groups and diverted to serve the motives of a particular constituency. Could be used as secondary criteria.
- **Time-Based Triggers:** ease of implementation, practical approach
 - Example, NPFMC:
 - 10-year timeframe as the primary trigger for review of non-LAPP allocations
 - Council public input process as the secondary trigger for review
- **Indicator-Based Triggers:** also suitable but more complicated
 - Selection of indicators to be above or below: What to use? Level for thresholds? e.g., stock status, sector accountability



Summary SSC Comments

- The SSC requested that staff provide a document listing existing allocations in the Gulf, the regulatory actions that established the allocations, and a summary of the methods used to allocate the resources
- The SSC also requested that staff present (at a future meeting) the objectives of FMPs, including allocations subject to the review policy
- Potential establishment Socio-Economic SSC subcommittee to help guide the process for full SSC review and discussion

