

Final 2009 Priorities and Management Action Plan (Feb 3, 2009)

Cmte/FMP	2009	2010	2011	Staff
Skates	1. Continue Amendment 3, ACLs 2010 & 2011		1. Prepare specs 2012 & 2013	A. Applegate
Multispecies	1. Continue Amendment 16 including process for ACLs, AMs, measures for 2010. 2. Prepare ACL specs for 2010 and 2011	1. Prepare Amendment 17	1. Cont. Amendment 17 2. Prepare ACL specs for 2012 and 2013	T. Nies A. Hawkins
Scallops	1. Continue Amendment 15 including ACLs, AMs, capacity reduction, DAS leasing, transfers for LA fleet overfishing definition, and open area trips. 2. Prepare FW 21 for 2010 measures.	1. Continue Amendment 15 2. Prepare FW 22 for 2011 and 2012 measures		D. Boelke S. Pautzke
* Monkfish	1. Prepare Amendment 5 incl ACLs, AMs, ITQs, Sectors and w/specs for 2011, 2012 and 2013	1. Continue Amendment 5		P. Haring
Red Crab	1. Prepare specs for 2010 (NMFPS is preparing EA for 2009)	1. Amendment 3 including ACLs, AMs.		Contractor
** Whiting	1. Prepare Amendment 19, Limited Entry, ACLs, AMs for 2011, 2012, 2013	1. Continue Amendment 19		A. Applegate
Herring	1. Continue Amendment 4 monitoring, ACLs, AMs & specs for 2011 - 2013, and criteria for access to closed areas. 2. Prepare specs for 2010 only	1. Continue Amendment 4 with specs for 2011 -2013		L. Steele
Habitat	1. Continue Omnibus Amendment	1. Continue Omnibus Amendment 2. Prepare Ecosystem FMP		C. Demarest M. Bachmann
RSC	Continue to steer research to best support NEFMC management plans.			P. Fiorelli
Interspecies	Establish new Committee to address best management practices dealing with interactions among fisheries and the need to employ adequate monitoring, enforcement and administration to allow for trade-offs.			C. Kellogg
*	Council Staff will prepare Social Impact Assessment (SIA). Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) will be contracted out.			
**	Whiting management action will start when skate management action is completed. Council staff will prepare SIA. EIA will be contracted out.			

UPDATED: 3 FEB 2009

PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

PROJECT TITLE: **Skate Amendment 3** - address overfishing of thorny & winter skates; ACLs & AMs for 2010 & 2011

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: May 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: December 2009

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Council begins amendment	JAN 2007
2. Scoping meetings	MAY 2007
3. Council approves Amendment 3 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS;	JUN/SEP 2008
4. Skate PDT prepares Draft Amendment 3 DEIS	JUL-SEP 2008
5. Council approves Draft Amendment /DEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives;	SEP 2008
6. Public Hearings	OCT 2008
7. Council approves final Amendment 3 measures	APR 2009
8. Staff submits final Amendment	MAY 2009
9. Implementation	DEC 2009

Based on the results of the Data Poor Stocks Workshop results, PDT analyses & SSC recommendations, the Council will determine how to proceed with developing the amendment at the February 2009 Council meeting.

UPDATED: 3 FEB 2009

COUNCIL ACTION: Multispecies Amendment 16

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Tom Nies
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: July 2009
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2010

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Council approves Amendment 16 alternatives for analysis in DEIS	FEB 2009
2. Groundfish PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DSEIS	FEB-MAR 2009
3. Public hearings	APR/MAY 2009
4. Council approves final Amendment 16 measures	JUN 2009
5. Staff submits final Amendment 16 to NMFS	JUL 2009
6. Implementation	MAY 2010

COUNCIL ACTION: 2010-2011 Groundfish Specifications

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Dec 2009
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2010

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Staff begins work on specifications	AUG 2009
2. Council approves specifications	NOV 2009
3. Staff submits specifications package to NMFS	DEC 2009
4. Implementation	MAY 2010

COUNCIL ACTION: Groundfish Amendment 17 – Possible Area Management and/or LAPPS

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Jun 2011???

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 2012???

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Staff begins work on amendment	FEB 2010
2. Council approves final Amendment measures	JUN 2011
3. Implementation	MAY 2012

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COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Amendment 15

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Deirdre Boelke
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: July 2010
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2011

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Council approves Amendment alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	FEB 2009
2. Scallop PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DSEIS	FEB – JUN 2009
3. Council approves Draft Amendment/DSEIS and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2009
4. Staff submits DEIS	OCT-NOV 2009
5. Public hearings	FEB 2010
6. Council approves final Amendment measures	JUN 2010
7. Staff submits final Amendment to NMFS	AUG 2010
8. Implementation	MAR 2011

COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Framework 21 - 2010 scallop specifications, adjustments to observer program & measures to comply with turtle biological opinion

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Oct 2009
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2010

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Council initiates framework	APR 2009
2. Staff begins work on framework	MAY 2009
3. Council approves framework	SEP 2009
4. Staff submits framework to NMFS	OCT 2009
5. Implementation	MAR 2010

COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Framework 22 – 2011-2012 scallop specifications under ACL management

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Oct 2011
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Mar 1, 2011

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Council initiates framework	APR 2010
2. Staff begins work on framework	JUL 2010
3. Council approves framework	SEP 2010
4. Staff submits framework to NMFS	OCT 2010
5. Implementation	MAR 2011

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COUNCIL ACTION: Monkfish Amendment 5 - ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2011, 2012 and 2013, IFQs

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Haring

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Aug 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2011

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Staff begins work on amendment	JAN 2009
2. Scoping meetings	MAR 2009
3. AP, Committee develop alternatives for Council consideration	APR-MAY 2009
4. Council approves alternatives for analysis in DEIS	JUN 2009
5. PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DEIS	JUL- OCT 2009
6. Council approves Draft Amendment/DEIS and selects preferred alternatives	NOV 2009
7. Public hearings	JAN/FEB 2010
8. AP, Committee review public comment, analysis, recommends final measures	FEB-MAR 2010
9. Council approves final amendment measures	APR 2010
10. Staff/PDT drafts Final EIS, RIR, IRFA, etc.	May 2010
11. Council approves final document and draft regulations	JUN 2010
12. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS, begin formal review	AUG 2010
13. Implementation	MAY 2011

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COUNCIL ACTION: Red Crab Specifications for 2010

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Not yet assigned
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: October 2009
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2010

The Council will complete specifications for 2010 following emergency action taken by NMFS to implement 2009 specifications.

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Work begins on specifications	JUL 2009
2. Council approves specifications	SEP 2009
3. Staff submits specifications to NMFS	OCT 2009
4. Implementation	MAR 2010

COUNCIL ACTION: Red Crab Amendment 5 - ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2011- 2012

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Not yet assigned
TARGET COMPLETION DATE: October 2010
TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2011

An EIS is not anticipated for this amendment since it will implement ACLs and AMs based on an ABC that already will have been established in the 2009 and 2010 specifications.

MILESTONES	DATES
5. Work begins on amendment	OCT 2009
6. Council approves alternatives for analysis	NOV 2009
7. Preparation of Draft Amendment	DEC-JAN 2010
8. Public hearings	MAR 2010
9. Council approves final amendment measures	APR 2010
10. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS	JUN 2010
11. Implementation	MAR 2011

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**COUNCIL ACTION: Whiting (Small Mesh Multispecies) Amendment 19 – Limited access, ACLs,
AMs, Specifications for 2011, 2012 and 2013**

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Aug 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2011

MILESTONES		DATES
1.	Staff begins work on amendment	MAY 2009
2.	Council approves alternatives for analysis in DEIS	SEP 2009
3.	PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DEIS	OCT 2009 – FEB 2010
4.	Council approves Draft Amendment/DEIS and selects preferred alternatives	FEB 2010
5.	Public hearings	MAR/APR 2010
6.	Council approves final amendment measures	JUN 2010
7.	Staff submits final amendment to NMFS	AUG 2010
8.	Implementation	MAY 2011

PROJECT #:

UPDATED: February 2, 2009

PROJECT MANAGER: Lori L. Steele

PROJECT TITLE: **Herring Amendment and 2010-2012 Specifications**

SUPPORTS COUNCIL PRIORITY #: High

GOAL: Develop Herring Amendments 4/5 to address catch monitoring, new M-S Act requirements, and other issues; develop specifications packages for the 2010-2012 fishing years using new stock assessment and ACL/AM provisions for 2011 and beyond.

Amendment 4 Progress to Date

MILESTONES	PLANNED
1. Committee meets to draft objectives and identify issues for inclusion in scoping document	MAR 2008
2. AMENDMENT 4 SCOPING	APR-JUNE 2008
3. Advisors and Herring Committee meet to review scoping comments and develop a range of alternatives for analysis in Amendment 4 (work with PDT)	MAY 2008 – FEB 2009
4. Council reviews progress on development of Amendment 4 alternatives, provides guidance/recommendations	FEB 2009

If Amendment 4 is split, the ACL/AM provisions would move forward in the amendment, developed in conjunction with the 2010-2012 fishery specifications, and submitted together with an Environmental Assessment (EA). This will work if Amendment 4 *only* contains measures that are deemed to result in no significant impacts, which would trigger the development of an EIS. The ACL/AM provisions are largely process-related and are unlikely to trigger an EIS, although consideration of this issue needs to be made throughout the development of the Amendment.

MILESTONES	PLANNED
1. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT continue work on Amendment 4 alternatives – ACL/AM provisions are the priority issues	FEB-JUNE 2009
2. TRAC Stock Assessment for Atlantic Herring	JUNE 2009
3. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT review stock assessment results, draft options for ACL/AM provisions and develop recommendations for 2010-2012 fishery specifications	JULY-SEPT 2009
4. SSC reviews draft Amendment 4 measures related to ACLs/AMs, reviews draft specifications and provides recommendations for ABC, etc. for 2010-2012 fishing years	AUGUST 2009
5. Council reviews draft Amendment 4, SSC recommendations, draft fishery specifications, and develops recommendations for Amendment 4 and 2010-2012 specifications	SEPT 2009
6. Council selects final measures for Amendment 4 and 2010-2012 fishery specifications, approves research recommendations for 2011-2012 RSAs	NOV 2009
7. Staff submits Amendment 4 and specification package for 2010-2012 fishing years	DEC 2009

Atlantic herring fishery specifications for 2010-2012 fishing years would be submitted in December 2009, resulting in a delay in implementation for the 2010 fishing year. Catch during the beginning of 2010 would be counted retroactively

against the TACs once the specifications are implemented (this has occurred in the past). The specifications package would include language to indicate this.

Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP would include all other elements that were originally in Amendment 4:

- Catch Monitoring Program for the Herring Fishery
- Measures to Address River Herring Bycatch
- Measures to Address Interactions with the Atlantic Mackerel Fishery and Bycatch Concerns
- Measures to Establish Criteria for Access to Groundfish Closed Areas by Midwater Trawl Vessels

MILESTONES	PLANNED
1. Herring Committee and Advisory Panel continue development of alternatives for Amendment 5	DEC 2009 – APRIL 2010
2. Council approves Amendment 5 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	APRIL 2010
3. Council approves Draft Amendment 5/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	JUNE 2010
4. Herring Amendment 5 Public Hearings	JULY/AUGUST 2010
5. Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment 5 measures	SEPT 2010 (or NOV 2010)
6. Amendment 5 Implementation	ASAP

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COUNCIL ACTION: Habitat Omnibus Amendment (PHASE 2)

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Chad Demarest

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: June 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2011

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Staff begins work on amendment	DEC 2007
2. Council briefed on SSC review of habitat vulnerability analysis	APR 2009
3. Council approves Amendment alternatives for analysis in DEIS	JUN 2009
4. PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DEIS	JUL – AUG 2009
5. Council approves Draft Amendment/DEIS and selects preferred alternatives;	SEP 2009
6. Public hearings	OCT/NOV 2009
7. Council approves final Amendment measures	NOV 2009
8. Staff submits final Amendment to NMFS	JAN 2010
9. Implementation	OCT 2010

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COUNCIL ACTION: Ecosystems FMP/Omnibus Amendment

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Chad Demarest

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Feb 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: ???

MILESTONES	DATES
1. Staff begins work on FMP/Amendment	FEB 2010
2. Submission	FEB 2011
3. Implementation	SEP 2011 ???