

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Schedule and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Effectiveness of Techniques to Reduce Barotrauma Effects

Timeline Status: Presentation

Council Input and Next Steps: Dr. Greg Stunz will give a presentation on barotrauma and techniques to reduce the effect of barotrauma. This is a follow-up to the presentation given in January by Ken Haddad on the results of the Gulf Anglers Focus Group meetings, in which Mr. Haddad noted that the group had considered barotrauma mortality reduction as one option to help maximize fishing days. No action is required by the Council. This is for information only.

Agenda Item V: Options Paper on ABC Control Rule Revisions

Timeline Status: Preliminary options paper

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present a preliminary options paper that outlines the alternatives currently under consideration for modifying or replacing the ABC control rule in a generic amendment. This included actions highlighted by the October 2016 revisions to the National Standard 1 guidelines including allowance for carry-over of unharvested quota. The carry-over provision can be separated from the generic amendment and continued as a separate action if the Council chooses to do so. The SSC representative will provide the SSC's comments on the options paper. The Committee is asked to provide guidance to staff on: 1) whether to proceed with further development of the generic amendment, 2) whether to proceed with the carry-over provision as a separate action from the generic amendment, and 3) whether to add or remove actions or alternatives in the options paper.

Agenda Item XVI: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.