



SSC
Butterfish

July 2020

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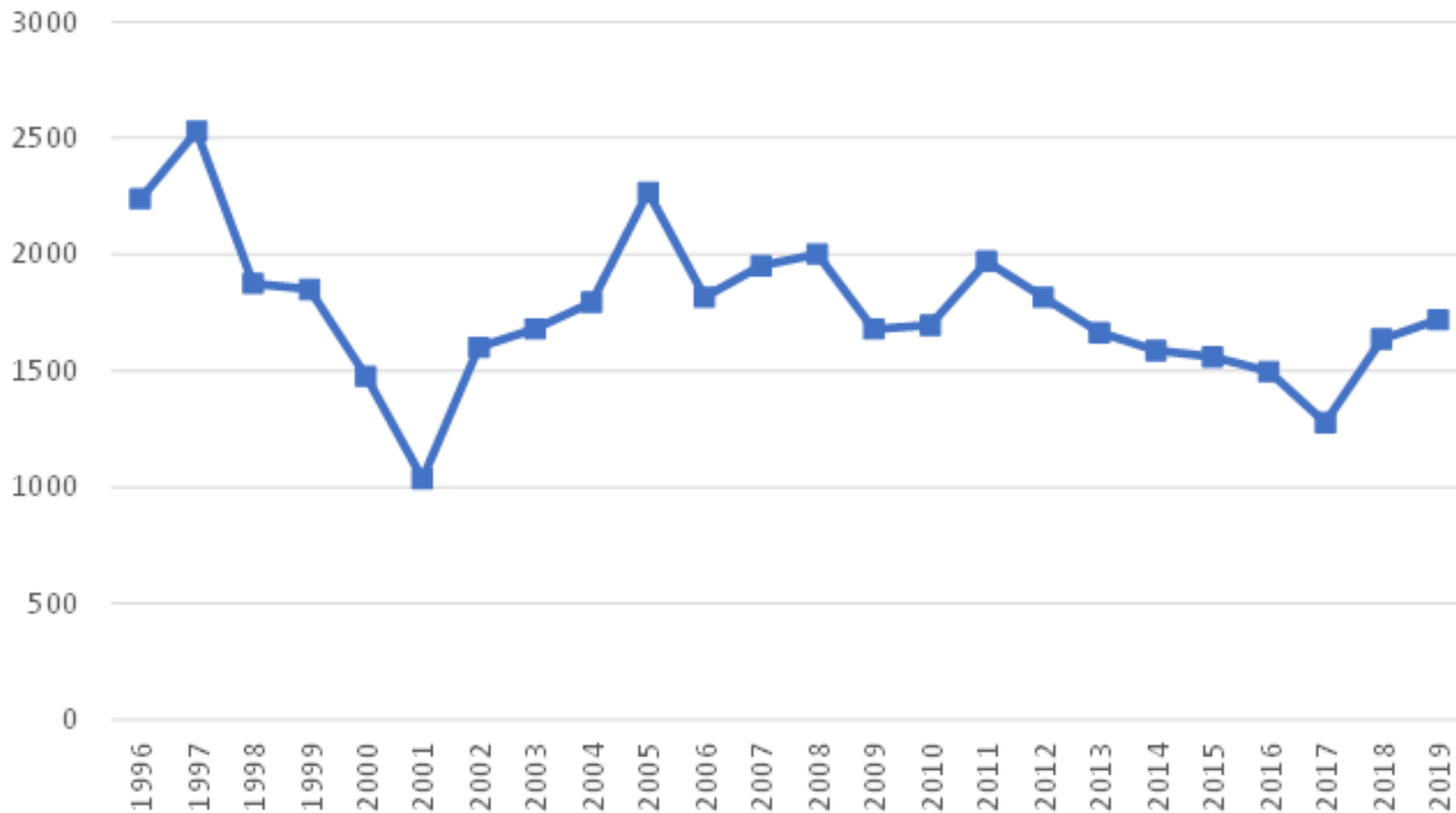
Current Specifications (100%CV)

Table 10. Summary of Butterfish Preferred Specifications 3b.

	Specification	2018	2019	2020	
(a)	ABC (SSC)	17,801	27,108	32,063	
(b)	ACT Buffer	890	2,033	3,206	
(c)	ACT Buffer %	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	
(d)	ACT	16,911	25,075	28,857	
(e)	Landings or "Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH)"	12,093	20,061	23,752	These amounts total to the ACT
(f)	Assumed discards in butterfish fishing (2.4%)	297	493	584	
(g)	Assumed other discards (highest from cap years)	637	637	637	
(h)	Butterfish Cap (longfin discards)	3,884	3,884	3,884	
(i)	Close primary directed at this amount, with 1,000 mt left; go to 5,000pound trip limit	11,093	19,061	22,752	

Info Doc Highlights

Butterfish Inflation-Adjusted Price \$/MT



Info Doc Highlights

- In-year landings not published live, but trending lower than last year.

FPR Highlights

- Shifting thermal habitat
- Tariffs
- Regulation limitations – Monument
- COVID-19 affecting everything in current year.
- Limited interest, developing markets
- State surveys may be important

Staff Recommendation

- Trends are downward
- Projections too optimistic vs low recruitment
- Conservative approach within the standard approaches – lower recruitment and higher CV... 150%
- Averaged ABC
- 13,442 MT for 2021-2022