



Amendment 15

River Herring & Shad

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Outline

- History
- Public Comment Summary
- White Paper Intro

History

- 2008-2009
 - Council engages issue (ASMFC)
 - Emerg. Action denied (observers)

- 2007-2013 ASMFC Am2 & Am3
 - Moratoria (RH: 2012, S: 2013)

History

- 2009-2013 Amendment 14
– 2010-2011 Ad-Hoc RH/S Com.



AM 15



White Paper

Public Comment Summary

- Many Am14/5 Comments – will pass on to NMFS.
- Variety of/many comments "For"
- One comment "Against"

Sign-On's ~ 37,000+

- Include RH/S as stocks in fishery via Am15
 - Stocks are in bad shape
 - States/others have taken action
- Federal management is required and needed (bycatch & other)

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- ACLs – Annual Catch Limits
- EFH – Essential Fish Habitat
- PopDy – Research into population
- Monitoring – Catch
- Coordination

Non-National Organization Letters

- Similar Themes
- Mix of recreational fishing groups and local/state/regional conservation groups

National Organization Letters

- Strong Legal Themes
- Key (only) question is whether RH/S are in need of conservation and management (C&M)

C & M

- Rules, regs, conditions, etc...
- Required/useful to rebuild/
restore/maintain...
- Assure:
 - sustainable productivity
 - avoiding long-term adverse effects
 - multiple options for future use ¹⁰

One Comment Against - GSSA

- Caps being implemented
- Coast-wide trends stable or improving
- FMP would be impracticable/duplicative
- Dams/barriers biggest threat (ESA)

One Comment Against - GSSA

- NOAA is engaging ASMFC
- Mid-water trawl fishery voluntarily reducing catch
- NS1 – Councils retain discretion to determine which fisheries require conservation and management
- No status determination criteria 12

One Comment Against - GSSA

- EFH for other species already benefit RH/S
- Many other laws in effect that benefit RH/S
- Fleets with RH/S interactions are not new fisheries

White Paper

- What's going on now?
- What would/could Council do?
- Help Council decide if an FMP is required...

Several Possible Routes

- Directly manage
- Don't do much more
- Focus on caps, work with ASMFC

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- Directly Manage
 - C & M by Council would be at least useful for restoring RH/S
 - sustainable productivity
 - avoiding long-term adverse effects
 - multiple options for future use

Several Possible Routes

- Focus on caps, work with ASMFC
 - Existing measures & authorities are sufficient for restoring and should lead to:
 - sustainable productivity
 - avoid long-term adverse effects
 - multiple options for future use

Key

- Justify Decision
 - Describe why you think an FMP is necessary/useful
- or
- Describe why you think an FMP is not necessary/useful

White Paper Take-Homes

- Recent/upcoming actions may or may not recover RH/S but could be meaningful
- Can't predict impacts of direct Council management
 - Lots of (-) and (+) impacts ongoing
 - Impacts seem limited but...