

# Monkfish FMP Framework 8

*Proposed Measures for Consideration  
DAS/trip limit specification for FY 2014-  
2016 and other FMP adjustments*

September, 2013

# Background

- Not overfished, overfishing not occurring (both stocks)
- SSC does not recommend a change to ABC
- ACLs, ACTs, and DAS/trip limit automatically extended unless modified

# Framework 8 Purpose and Need

- Consider (revisions to the) DAS and trip limits for FY2014-2016
- H-Permit fishery boundary line
- Groundfish DAS for vessels with GF and MF DAS allocations
- MF incidental limit in the NMA when a vessel is on a GF DAS

# NMA DAS/ Trip Limit Specifications Alternatives

- **NMA Alternative 1- No Action:**

40 DAS All Permit Categories

1,250lbs. Trip limit A/C

600 lbs. Trip limit B/D

Based on catch observed in 2011-12, does not achieve the ACT, even though trip limit and DAS are not constraining on vessels

- **NMA Alternative 2 –**

Adjust DAS

Maintain Trip limits

# NMA Incidental Limit Alternatives

- NMA Incidental Limit Alternative 1 –No action.  
Up to 25% of the total weight of fish on board,  
not to exceed 300 lbs tail wt. per DAS
- NMA Incidental Limit Alternative 2-  
Increase to 600 lbs. (A/C)  
and 500 lbs. (B/D), tail weight per DAS),  
and eliminate the limit of 25% of total weight of  
fish on board

# SMA DAS/ Trip Limit Specifications Alternatives

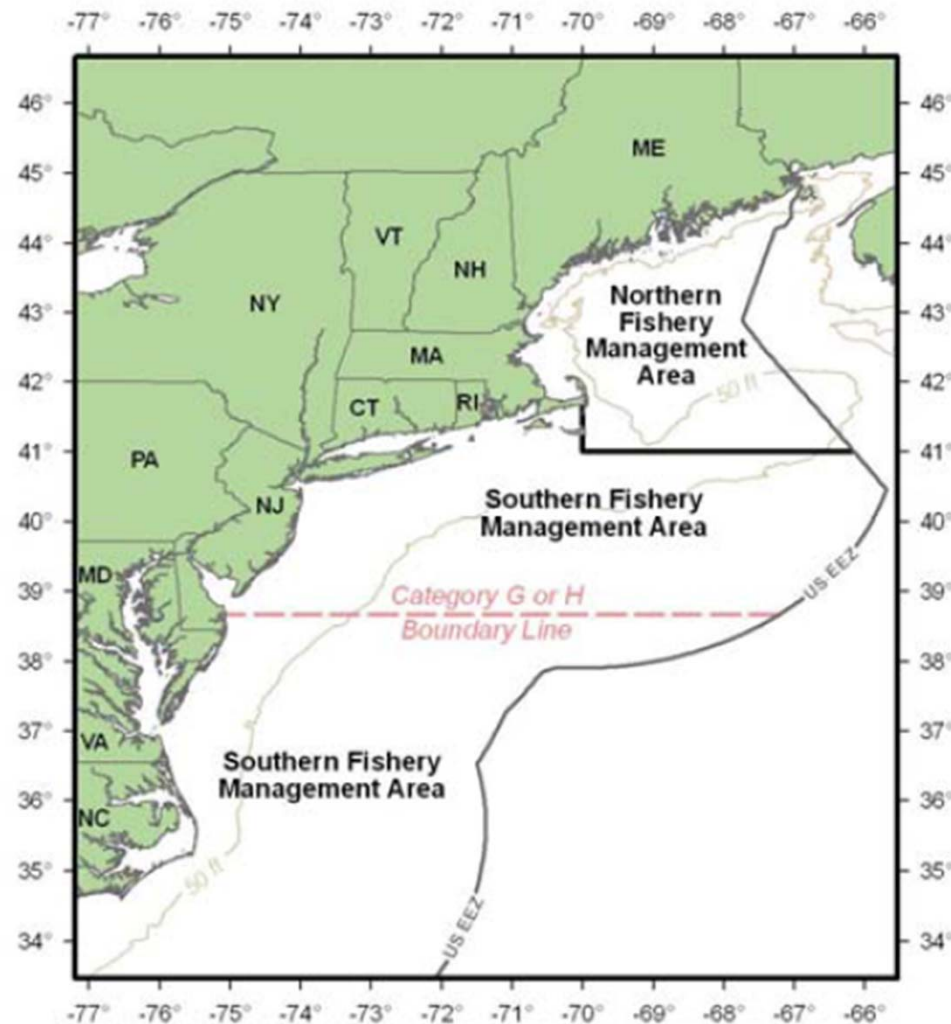
- **SMA Alternative 1** No Action:  
28 DAS All Permit Categories  
550lbs. Trip limit A/C      450 lbs. Trip limit B/D/H
- **SMA Alternative 2:** Tail-whole wt conversion correction  
610lbs. Trip limit A/C      500 lbs. Trip limit B/D/H  
adjust DAS accordingly
- **SMA Alternative 3:** Maintain current trip limits  
adjust DAS accordingly
- **SMA Alternative 4:** Maintain current DAS  
adjust trip limits accordingly

## Other SMA Alternatives

- **SMA GF/MF DAS usage Alternative 1:** No Action. Vessels use both groundfish DAS and monkfish DAS until groundfish DAS is used up, at which time the vessels may use monkfish-only DAS
- **SMA GF/MF DAS usage Alternative 2:** Vessels can use “excess” monkfish-only DAS at any time until the allocation of groundfish DAS equals the remaining monkfish DAS, then the vessel must use both monkfish and groundfish DAS in combination
- **Permit Category H fishery Boundary Alternative 1- No Action:** vessels issued a monkfish category H permit may only fish on a monkfish DAS south of 38°40' N Lat.
- **Permit Category H fishery Boundary Alternative 2;** move the permit category H boundary to correspond to the SMA/NMA boundary line

# Other SMA Alternatives

Monkfish Management Areas





# Summary of Specifications Options

Area	Alternative	A/C daily landing limit lbs	B/D daily landing limit lbs	DAS	Exp. landings
NMA	1 (No Action)	1,250	600	40	
	2	1,250	600	TBD	
SMA	1 (No Action)	550	450	28	
	2	610	500	TBD	
	3	550	450	TBD	
	4	TBD	TBD	28	

# Framework 8 Timeline

NEFMC approve range of alternatives	Sep 2013
MAFMC approve range of alternatives	Oct 2013
MAFMC Final action	Dec 2013
NEFMC Final action	Jan 2014
Preliminary submission	Feb - Mar 2014
Submit final EA	Apr 2014
Proposed rule	Jun 2014
Effective	Jul 2014

# Motion

- Approve for consideration in Framework 8 to the monkfish FMP the range alternatives described in the Sept. 26 document.
  - Nolan (on behalf of the Joint Monkfish Oversight Committee)
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