ACL Reserves Action

Create two separate ACL Reserve categories into which the commercial or recreational sector can transfer a portion of that sector’s unused quota up to a specific percentage of that sector’s total ACL (assigned specific to a species) at the end of a season into its reserve. The sector’s ACL will not change in subsequent seasons due to the size of the ACL Reserve. The sector’s total ACL Reserve cannot exceed the assigned percent of the sector ACL. If a sector’s ACL Reserve has reached its cap, even if the sector has an underage in a subsequent season, its ACL Reserve will not be increased. If a sector exceeds its ACL and uses part or all of its Reserve, its ACL Reserve can be replenished in future seasons by future ACL underages. A sector can use its ACL Reserve in subsequent seasons to cover any overages only if the total ACL (commercial and recreational combined) is not exceeded and the species is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring. One sector may not use or borrow from the other sector’s ACL Reserve. The size of each sector ACL Reserve may not exceed.

Sub-alternative a. 2% of the sector’s ACL.

Sub-alternative b. 5% of the sector’s ACL.

Sub-alternative c. 7% of the sector’s ACL.

Sub-alternative d. 10% of the sector’s ACL.