

Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs

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Guidance Goals and Objectives

- Goals are to:
 - Ensure the reviews meet statutory requirements
 - Consistent across the country
 - Carried out in a transparent, efficient, and effective manner
- Objectives are to clarify:
 - Process that should be followed,
 - Elements a review should contain, and
 - Program components that should be addressed when completing a review



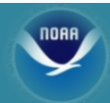
Guidance Creation

- HQ team drafted the guidance with internal and external reviews:
 - Catch Share Program experts
 - Regional Offices and Science Centers
 - Other NMFS offices.
- Councils review draft and provided feedback
- Revised drafts provided to CCC for review.
- NMFS revised guidance based on CCC feedback and received their concurrence in May 2016



Periodicity of Reviews

- Initial Review depends on program start date
 - After Jan 12, 2007 (MSA reauthorization): 5 years *after* the program began
 - Before Jan 12, 2007: By the end of 2017 (Wreckfish ITQ)
- Subsequent reviews:
 - At least every 7 years after initial review
- No more frequently than every 3 years



Review Process

- Use the best scientific information available
- Council determines review team
 - Council as lead or as co-lead with NMFS
- Review Outline
 - Early outline to ensure necessary data are collected
 - Convert outline to review plan prior to initiating review
- Solicit public input on Review
 - i.e., Gulf Council created RS IFQ AP
 - SA Council has been and will continue gathering input from wreckfish ITQ participants.



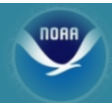
NMFS Concurrence

- Council approves draft review plan
- NMFS then “concurrs” that the plan will meet the MSA requirement.
- At completion of the review, NMFS again “concurrs” that the plan was followed and the review meets the requirements of the MSA.



General Approach and Scope

- Primary objective is to assess progress in meeting goals and objectives of the program, FMP, and MSA.
- Review should describe and analyze effects that have taken place since the baseline time period (pre-implementation, implementation, or last review).
- Incorporate by reference and summarize relevant findings.
- Use standardized indicators and holistic approach when possible (management interdependencies)



Document Structure

- Purpose and need of review
- Goals and objectives of the program, FMP, and MSA.
- History of management
- Description of biological, economic, ecological, social, and administrative effects
- Evaluation of above effects plus any unexpected effects
- Identification of program issues that may need to be addressed



Analyses

Analyze and evaluate components of the program, unless component is N/A or subject to current action:

- Goals and objectives
- Allocation
- Eligibility
- Transferability
- Catch & sustainability
- Accumulation limits or caps
- Cost recovery
- Data collection, monitoring, and enforcement
- Duration
- New entrants
- Auctions and royalties

