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changes in that. An example is this year's commercial Cobia season closed the exact same day it did in the year prior; but a state that was catching fifty percent of the quota went from six per boat, per day went down to a two per boat, per day. It resulted in North Carolina again being left out of their historically peak November fishery. But I would definitely like to see changes to the accountability measures and have them reflect the uncertainty in the catch estimate and even uncertainty in the assessment itself. I also think having a trigger, accountability can be, I think that if we have really high catches, it may be because the abundance is really high any maybe there needs to be a stock assessment to determine there may have been a big spawn that was not caught in the last stock assessment that maybe five years old. But I am not in favor of shortening seasons within one year and even boat limits within one year. So, if there can be accountability measures that fall within the law that look over multiple years and data uncertainty, I think that is a win-win for everybody.

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