



2019-2023 Strategic Plan Final Edits

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Strategic Plan Edits



- Reincorporated Values from Prior Plan
- Edits to Changing Ocean Conditions (below & on page 3)
- The distribution and productivity of fishery stocks are often changing at a rate faster than fisheries **science** **stock assessments** and management can keep pace with.....For cobia, black sea bass, and summer flounder, changing ocean conditions have **contributed to** shift~~(ed)~~**s** **in** species distributions, with **some species expanding their ranges and others** moving into deeper and/or more northern waters to stay within preferred temperature ranges. Where shifts are occurring, the Commission **will** **may** need to reconsider state-by-state allocation schemes

Goal 1 Edits



- Goal 1 - Rebuild, maintain, fairly allocate, and promote sustainable Atlantic coastal fisheries (pages 6 & 7)
- In the next five years, the Commission is committed to ending overfishing and working to rebuild overfished ~~or depleted~~ Atlantic coast fish stocks, while promoting sustainable harvest of and access to rebuilt fisheries. Where possible, the Commission will seek to aid in the rebuilding of depleted stocks, whose recovery is hindered by factors other than fishing pressure.
- Added objective: Promote sustainable harvest of and access to rebuilt fisheries

Goal 2 Edits



- Added objective: Characterize the risk and uncertainty associated with the scientific advice provided to decision-makers

Additional Issues



- **An assessment of overall fishery compliance**
 - Include in Strategic Plan or add to 2019 or 2020 Action Plan?
- **Remove barriers that preclude the free flow of seafood commerce between the states**
 - Include in Strategic Plan and, if so, under which Goal and addressed by what group (i.e., MSC, LEC, newly created Work Group)?