



Atlantic Herring Area 1A

Specifications

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- At the 2015 Annual Meeting, the Section approved the Area 1A sub-ACL as part of the 2016-2018 Atlantic herring specifications. The Area 1A sub-ACL of 30,300 metric tons (mt) represents 28.9% of the stockwide ACL (104,800 mt).
- Since 2009, the Section has split the Area 1A sub-ACL into trimesters, where 0% is allocated from January 1-May 31, 72.8% is allocated from June 1 – September 30 and 27.2% is allocated from October 1- December 31.

Questions





Section Involvement in the Herring RSA Program

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RSA Process



- Research Set-Aside (RSA) programs are Federal grant programs established through GARFO FMPs
 - promote collaboration between fishermen and scientists to address high priority research
- RSA research intends to support management decisions and improve stock assessments
- Quota or days-at-sea are awarded through a competitive grant process to fund the research
- Science and Research Director (NEFSC) make RSA selections based on technical review scores and management panelist recommendations.

NOAA Fisheries implements the RSA Programs



- NOAA Fisheries implements the RSA Programs
 - Proposal review and selection process
 - Ensures research is technically sound
 - Ensures alignment with Council research priorities
 - Oversees regulatory and vessel permitting needs
 - Monitors RSA harvest activities

Council Participation in RSA



- Council members and staff provide the following support for RSA programs
 - Set the RSA quota and days-at-sea
 - Develop research priorities,
 - Provide management expertise in reviewing proposals
 - Consider the research results to support their fishery management decisions

https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/coopresearch/rsa_faq.html



Questions?



Council Participation In Sections

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Current Council Participation



- Section can invite council to participate on specific issues- non-voting



- The NRCC requested the Commission consider having the NEFMC as a voting member of the Atl. Herring Section
- Provisions within the ISFMP Charter only allow for Council participation on Management Board

- In order for the Council to have a voting seat for Atl. Herring decisions the Atl. Herring Section would need to become a Management Board
- Policy Board asked the Section for a recommendation of how the Council should be involved with Commission Management of Atl. Herring



Questions?