



2021-2023 Atlantic Herring Specs



Atlantic Herring Management Board

October 19, 2020

2021-2023 Specs



- The Council Approved Framework 8
- Contains 2021-2023 specifications
 - The Framework has been submitted to NMFS for review
 - Proposes a lower catch limit for Area 1A sub-ACL for 2021 (**1,391 mt**) and 2022/2023 (**1,184 mt**)
 - 2020 Management Track Assessment, projections
 - ABC control rule proposed in Amendment 8
 - 58% decrease from 2020 (3,334 mt)
 - SSC recommended maintaining the 2022 ABC in 2023 due to scientific uncertainty (recruitment)



2021-2023 Specs Cont'd



- Other key specifications:
 - Management Uncertainty Buffer set at 4,669 mt based on 10-yr avg of Canadian catches.
 - Set Border Transfer at 0 mt
 - Set RSA at 3% (2021) and 0% (2022-2023)
 - Carryover set at 5% of unharvested catch (not 10%)
 - Adjusts incidental catch limit for Areas 2 and 3
- The 2023 specifications will likely be revised following the 2022 management track assessment
- The target implementation date is January 1, 2021



Questions?





2021 Area 1A Specifications



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Address at future meeting when we have 2021 specs from NMFS

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Area 1A Quota Periods



- Per Amendment 3, Board can consider distributing the Area 1A sub-ACL using bi-monthly, trimester, or seasonal quota periods to meet the needs of the fishery
- The Board can also decide whether quota from January 1 – May 31 will be allocated to later in the fishing season
- For 2020, the Board allocated the Area 1A sub-ACL by season with 72.8% allocated from June-Sept, and 27.2% for Oct-Dec



Area 1A Quota Periods



Bi-Monthly Quotas								
January – December			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with June as a one-month period)			No Landings Prior to June 1 (with December as a one-month period)		
Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%	Period	Months	%
1	Jan/Feb	1.5%	1	June	16.4%	1	June/July	36.8%
2	Mar/Apr	2.3%	2	July/Aug	40.1%	2	Aug/Sep	36.0%
3	May/June	24.0%	3	Sep/Oct	34.0%	3	Oct/Nov	27.1%
4	July/Aug	34.6%	4	Nov/Dec	9.5%	4	Dec	0.2%
5	Sep/Oct	29.4%						
6	Nov/Dec	8.2%						

Trimesters			Seasonal Quotas					
January – December			January - December			No Landings Prior to June 1		
Trimester	Months	%	Season	Months	%	Season	Season	%
1	Jan - May	13.7%	1	Jan - Sep	76.5%	1	Jun - Sep	72.8%
2	Jun - Sept	62.8%	2	Oct - Dec	23.5%	2	Oct - Dec	27.2%
3	Oct - Dec	23.5%						

*These allocation %'s are fixed and can only be changed through an addendum



Decision Points



- **Set quota periods for the 2021 Area 1A sub-ACL**
 - Seasonal/trimester/bi-monthly
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- The Board could also wait to set the 2021-2023 Area 1A sub-ACL following final approval from NMFS