



Draft Amendment I Management Issues/Options and Public Comment Summary

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- 36 written comments
 - 21 from individuals
 - 8 from groups
 - 2 form letters (totaling 7 comments)
- 1 petition with 317 signatures

Issue/Option Overview



SECTION 2.0

1. Goals
2. Objectives
3. Biological Reference Points
4. Fishing Mortality Target
5. Probability of Achieving F Target
6. F Reduction Schedule
7. Stock Rebuilding Schedule



SECTION 2.0

1. Goals (pg 48-49)

Option A. Maintain the 1996 Goals

Option B. Revised Goal Statement

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	WC	AP
A	x								5	
B		x					x		1	1

2. Objectives (pg 49-51)

Option A. Maintain the 1996 Objectives

Options B – G. Suggest modifying or removing select objectives

Option H. This option will insert all modifications identified under Option B – G.

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	Written Comment
A									5
Any 1 from B-G									5
H							x		1

AP- Any objective that does not include Regional Management

Suggested Objective: Encourage coastwide electronic reporting for the for-hire fleet

3. Biological Reference Points (pg. 53-54)

Option A. Status Quo - Reference Points can be Modified via a Management Document

Option B. Reference Points can be Modified via Board Action (i.e., Management Document Not Required)

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A							1		2	7
B							1	1		

4. F Mortality Target (pg. 54-55)

Option A. Status Quo

Coastwide fishing mortality cannot exceed $F_{\text{target}}=0.15$

Option B. Managing to the Regional Target F-Delay

If the current F exceeds the regional threshold level (overfishing), the Board must take corrective action, via a management document, within X year of receiving the overfishing stock status.

Sub-Option B1: No time requirement

Sub-Option B2: Board action within one year

Sub-Option B3: Board action within two years

4. F Mortality Target (pg. 54-55)

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A		1							2	5
B							5	1	3	1
B1										1
B2							1	x	1	1
B3							3		4	

5. Probability of Achieving F Target (pg. 55)

Option A. Status Quo.

Option B. 50% Probability of Achieving F Target

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A							2		2	6
B	1	x						1	2	1

6. F Reduction Schedule (pg. 55-56)

Option A. Status Quo

Option B. Three Years

Option C. Five Years

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A										
B	x	1						1		1
C							3		5	

7. Stock Rebuilding Schedule (pg. 56)

Option A. Status Quo

Option B. A Stock Rebuilding Schedule can be Developed via an Addendum

Option C. A Stock Rebuilding Schedule can be Developed via an Addendum, Not to Exceed 10 Years

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A									2	5
B	x						3		1	1
C								1	1	1



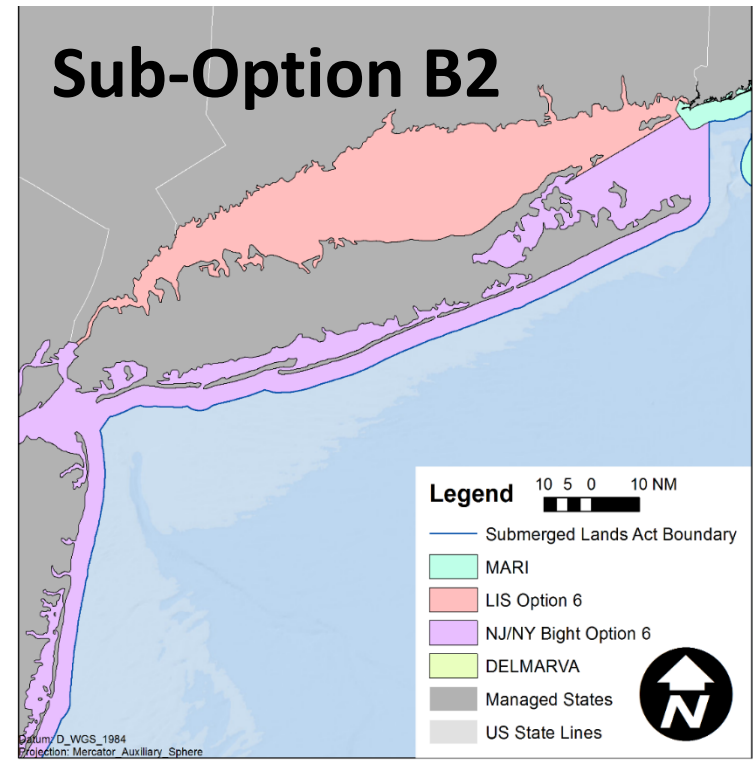
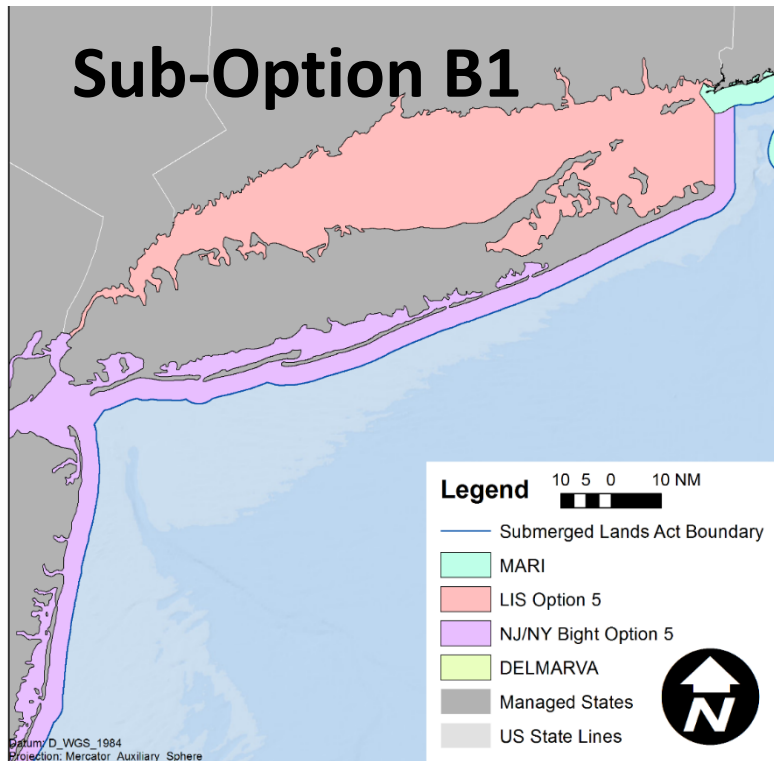
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8. Regional Management (pg. 65-66)

Option A. Status Quo – Coastwide Management

Option B. Regional Management

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A			x	79					2	5
B	x	x	1		2		10	1	3	7



Option	CT	NY	NJ	Written Comment
B1				2
B2				

18. Commercial Quota (pg. 83-84)

Option A. Status Quo.

No specific commercial quota procedures.

Option B. Commercial Quota Procedures

A state or region may implement an annual commercial quota if the following procedures are met and Board approval is granted.

Topics included within the section:

- Decision making process within a region
- Quota rollover, transfer and overage

18. Commercial Quota (pg. 83-84)

Option A. Status Quo.

Option B. Commercial Quota Procedures

Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A									2	4
B		2					x	1	1	

19. Commercial Harvest Tagging Program (pg. 84-86)

Option A. Status Quo

Option B. Implement a Commercial Harvest Tagging Program

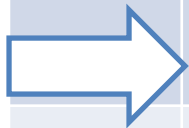
Option	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	AP	WC
A				x					2	6
B		x			x	x	x	2	3	7

General Comments

- *In favor of recreational and commercial spawning closures*
- *Pot restrictions are needed (pots fish all the time); reduce*
- *Artificial reef programs should be funded*

Draft Amendment 1 Timeline

2015	Feb	2015 Benchmark Stock Assessment (3 Regions)
	Sept	Board Solicits Public Comment on PID
	Nov	Tasks PDT to Develop Draft Amendment I
2016	May	Tasks TC to Develop a Regional Assessment for LIS & NJ-NYB
	Aug	Board Reviews Regional Assessment and Tasks TC to Develop a 2016 Stock Assessment Update
2017	Feb	Board Tasks TC/PDT to Develop Regional Management
	May	Board Reviews TC Tasks and Draft Amendment 1; considers approving the document for public comment
	Jun/ Jul	Board Solicits Public Comment on Draft Amendment 1 and States Conduct Public Hearings
	Aug	Review Public Comment and Approve Some Options
	Oct	Approve Remaining Options and Consider Final Approval of Amendment I





Questions