



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

1050 N. Highland Street • Suite 200A-N • Arlington, VA 22201
703.842.0740 • 703.842.0741 (fax) • www.asmfmc.org

Northern Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting Summary

November 9, 2012

Advisory Panel Members:

Spencer Fuller, Mark Bennett, Marshall Alexander, Arnie Gamage, Gary Libby (Chair), John Sneiders, Peter Kendall, Stephen Lee, Andrew Lang

ASMFC Staff:

Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director
Bob Beal, ASMFC Executive Director
Mike Waive, FMP Coordinator

Section Members:

ME — Pat Keliher, Terry Stockwell, Steve Train
NH — Ritchie White, Dennis Abbott, Doug Grout
MA — Mike Armstrong (Chair), Bill Adler

Purpose: Input on Draft Addendum I

TAC Specification

The AP recommends Option A because reporting is not complete. If the Section selects to formalize a hard TAC then Option C is preferred.

TAC Allocation

Recommend D1 as preferred option because it is based on history and does not include the seasons that closed early.

TAC Transferability

The AP recommends option B to leave transferability in the toolbox, noting it does not have to be used, but is available.

Projecting Season Closure

The AP recommends option D, closing based on 95% of the TAC. However, TAC rollover should be considered if there is an underage of the TAC in a given year, especially if the fishery is prosecuted as 4 year olds because they will return the following year as 5 year olds.

Quota Payback

The AP recommends Option A, status quo because the overages are accounted for through the stock assessment process.

RSA

The AP recommends Option B, because the pre and post season test tows are beneficial to understanding the stock dynamics.

Size Sorting Grate System

There was a majority support for option C, having the size sorting grates as being optional.

Limited Entry

The AP recommended Option B, to consider limited entry in the northern shrimp fishery.

The AP was concerned with latent effort in the Northern Shrimp fishery.

Fixed Percentage Share Program

The AP was in favor of Option A, to assign landings history by vessel. They also specified that an appeal process be set up to decide on a case by case basis how landings would be assigned if vessels were sold.

License Cap Program

The AP did not recommend continuing development of the License Cap Program.

Recommendations to Federal Waters

The AP recommends that if the Section implements measures, they should recommend to NOAA fisheries to implement complimentary management measures in federal waters.

The AP elected Gary Libby as the new Advisory Panel Chair.