

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Northern Shrimp Section Motions

May 24, 2012

Move that the Section approve an increase in the advisory panel membership with the following seats ME = 6, NH = 3, MA = 3.

Motion made by Mr. Adler and second by Mr. Damon. Motion passes unanimously.

Move to include in the addendum a proactive accountability measure where the fishery would be closed by the Northern Shrimp Section when the harvest is projected by the PDT chair with the advice from the TC to reach a certain percentage of the annual quota with a 7 day notification time to the industry. The percentage would be established by the Section during the annual specifications setting process and could range between 70 and 95%.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to adopt AP short term recommendations into draft addendum including weekly trip limit, TAC by gear type based on history, TAC by state based on history, implement mandatory use of size sorting grate system.

Motion made by Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Adler. Motion carries.

Move to develop at least three options for allocation by state and gear including the following three periods: 2003 – 2008; 2000 – 2008; and 1998 – 2006.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to include in the addendum a reactive accountability measure to address a quota payback in the subsequent year for quota overage. PDT shall develop options for this measure that would include but not be limited to:

- A) a pound for pound payback
- B) a 125% payback (e.g. 100 lb. overage = 125 lbs. payback)
- C) a measure not requiring a payback unless quota exceeded by at least 3%
- D) Section could specify if there would be a payback in a specific year

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Dr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to include in the addendum catch controls including an annual quota based on a harvest level that is projected by the NSTC to attain the target fishing mortality rate. The quota will be established by the Section during the annual specifications setting process.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Dr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to include an option to give the Section the ability to choose a TAC that is between the threshold and the target fishing mortality rates.

Motion made by Mr. R. White and seconded by Mr. Train. Motion carries.

Move to develop an option to allocate to individual/group based on catch history, recognizing that commercial dealer records alone do not capture all fishermen's catch history.

Motion made by Mr. Damon and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion carries.

Move to include an option to adopt BRP directly from a benchmark peer review through Section action.

Motion made by Mr. Adler and second by Mr. R. White. Motion fails for lack of majority.

Move to include in the addendum a measure to develop a limited access system for the Northern Shrimp fishery. The system should include a provision that would limit the specific number of vessels that could be licensed to fish for shrimp in each state. The number of limited entry licenses each state would be allocated will be established in the addendum. Each state will determine how the permits are allocated within their respective state.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Mr. Train. Motion carries.

Move that the PDT will develop a range of options for the draft addendum for the maximum number of licensed shrimp vessels for the three (3) states combined.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Dr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move that the PDT will develop at least three (3) time period options for allocating the maximum number of licensed shrimp vessels in each state. Options should include the periods: 2003 – 2008; 2000 – 2008; and 1998 – 2006.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Dr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to include a provision for revisiting total number of vessel licenses and allocation between states every five (5) years via adaptive management or Section action.

Motion made by Mr. Grout and seconded by Dr. Armstrong. Motion carries.

Move to include an option to adopt BRP directly through Section action.

Motion made by Mr. Train and seconded by Mr. Adler. Motion fails for lack of majority.

Move that the TC consider alternative BRP for 2013.

Motion made by Mr. Stockwell and seconded by Mr. Adler. Motion carries.

Move to include harvest set asides for research tows.

Moved by consensus.