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Allocation Work Group Statement of Problem and Goals

Statement of the Problem

1. Interstate and state-federal quota allocations (state, regional, sector) are primarily based on historical landings, which are increasingly disconnected from abundance and distribution.
2. Most Commission FMPs do not contain reallocation criteria; reallocation becomes more difficult as time advances.
3. The current system for adjusting allocations disincentivizes change due to the perceived creation of 'winners' and 'losers' and pressure from elected officials on fishery managers.

Allocation Work Group Goals

1. Establish a defined reallocation process
2. Allocations should address the relevant operational (e.g. infrastructure), economic, social and ecological aspects of the fishery, including new and expected changes (e.g. climate, human dimensions, technology)
3. Establish systems which fully utilize TAC (e.g. incentivize transfers of unused quota; create disincentives for retaining unused quota)
4. Explore allocation options that reduce frequency of board votes
5. Specify a timeframe in which to consider re-evaluation of allocation and updating of the management goals and objectives to ensure they are relevant to current conditions and needs.
6. Explore interactions between interstate and federal reallocation schemes