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Multispecies Sectors: Operations Plan Requirements

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Administrative

- Don't forget EA analyzing the Operations Plan.
- Signed sector contracts also due September 1.
- Include release of confidential landings data to sector/manager in sector contract.*



Administrative

- List of ALL Federal and state permits held by sector members and whether those permits are enrolled in any sector.
- List of all vessels that will be part of the sector and whether or not the vessel will fish.
- Identify possible redirection of effort.



Administrative

- Original distribution of catch history (i.e., PSCs of each member)
- Detailed plan for consolidation, including redistribution of ACE
- Rules for entry to and exit from the sector



Harvest Rules

- How is the sector going to operate?
- This is everything that makes your sector **DIFFERENT** from the common pool.
- Specify exemptions being requested.



Enforcement

- Application of joint and several liability.
- Procedure for notifying NMFS if a member is expelled.
- Detailed information about overage penalties or other actions to be taken if the sector exceeds its ACE.



ACE Monitoring

- Plan and analysis to show how sector will avoid exceeding ACEs.
- ACE thresholds and details of sector plan for notifying NMFS when specified threshold reached.
- Detailed information about discard monitoring.



At-sea Monitoring

- Detailed information about at-sea monitoring program.
- Detailed information about ASM provider (standards).



Dockside Monitoring

- Detailed information about dockside monitoring program.
- Detailed information about DM provider (standards).



DM details

- NMFS has reviewed the DM strawman.
- Addresses requirements in A16.
- However, NMFS is awaiting the outcome of the pilot study to make any necessary tweaks to the plan before adopting it for FY2010.



DM details

- Hail out to provider before initiating trip.
- This needs to get to OLE.
- Confirmation to vessel.
- Vendor maintains a list of open trips.



DM details

- Hail in with details of landing plan.
- How much notice? OLE needs to receive this as well, and would like 6 hours notice on trips over 6 hours in length.
- Notice of waiver- in response to hail out or at hail in?



DM details

- 50% random coverage in 2010.
- Vendor is responsible for establishing an acceptable randomized methodology.
- This needs to be in the sector Operations Plans.



DM details

Vendor:

- Record of each offload maintained.
- Keep OLE informed at all steps.
- Provide data to sector managers.
- Safe harbor provisions?



DM Details

Sector/Provider Maintains Database:

- VTR data
- Dealer data
- At-sea monitoring data
- Electronic monitoring reports
- All information available to NMFS



DM details

Dockside Monitor:

- Confirms scales certified.
- Signs dealer weight document.
- Collects copies of VTR and weight.
- Maintains copies of all.
- Electronically transmits to sector.



DM details

Truck Offloads:

- VTR copy collected
- Either scales on site, or monitor truck load AND offload to dealer.
- If no scales on site, totes of each species counted. Weight estimated.

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