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Multispecies Sector Monitoring Requirements

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Amendment 16

- Biennial adjustment to rebuilding plans for overfished stocks
- Incorporates GARM III and new requirements for ACLs and AMs
- **Revises sector management**
- Revises reporting for all groundfish vessels to increase speed/ accuracy



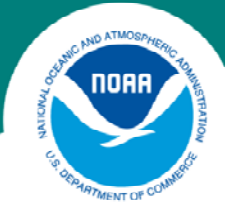
A16 Timeline

- June 17: Committee selects preferred alternatives to recommend to Council
- June 25: Council adopts Final EIS
- November/December: Proposed rule publishes
- March 2010: Final rule target date
- May 1, 2010: A16 effective



Council Decisions

- Sector allocation method
- AMs (e.g., post year trading)
- Assumed discard rates
- Sector monitoring measures
 - Dockside and at-sea monitor coverage levels
 - Details of reporting elements



Proposed in A16

- Sectors report weekly to NMFS
- When a stock quota is reached, sector is prohibited from fishing for any groundfish in that stock area
- A sector cannot fish in a stock area unless it has been allocated or acquires ACE for all stocks in that area



Proposed in A16

Weekly Reports from Sectors:

- Landings (by stock)
- Discards (apply assumed discard rate or sector-specific rate)
- Status of each quota
- Compliance concerns



Proposed in A16

At-Sea Monitoring:

- Mandatory FY12, optional FY10-11
- Verify area fished, catch, discards
—by species, by gear type
- Report to sector manager + NMFS



Proposed in A16

Dockside Monitoring

- Mandatory starting FY10
- Verify landings of vessel at dealer
- Certify dealer-reported weights
- Hail in/out for monitor coordination



Proposed in A16

Sector/Provider Maintains Database:

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



Proposed in A16

Universal Exemptions:

- DAS, trip limits, GB Seasonal Closure, new A16 mortality controls

Prohibited Exemptions:

- Yearround closed areas, permitting, reporting, habitat gear restrictions