MSB Framework 7

Butterfish Cap - Methodology

Meeting 2 (action can be taken)
Problem

- Directed butterfish fishing may skew the butterfish cap on the longfin squid fishery.
Problem

Ratio

- Butterfish
- Squid
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Issue

- The cap is for longfin squid fishing with butterfish catch
- Not butterfish fishing with longfin squid catch.
Solution

- Change cap from catch cap to discard cap.

- If butterfish vessel keeps 2,500 pounds of longfin and discards lots of butterfish still could be an issue...will have to track and could separate later...
Alternative 2

- Change cap from catch cap to discard cap.

- Reduce cap by 13% since 13% of catch was retained. Maintains status-quo mortality.

- 87% of 4,500 mt = 3,915 mt
Status Quo

- 4,500 mt Total
- 3,915 mt discards (87%)
- 585 landings (13%)

Landings are controlled separately so no change in control of mortality, and performance is continually monitored…

Alt 2

- 3,915 mt discards
Questions/ Motions?

I move to approve Framework 7 with Alternative 2 (discard cap and cap adjustment) as the preferred alternative. King/Himchak (16/0/1)