Dec 2015: Blueline Tilefish

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Overview

- Proposed Plan
- Alternatives
Proposed Plan

- January workshop to establish catch amounts
- Add data into hearing document
- Public hearings
- March SSC Meeting
- Decision (April)
- Submit soon after
Alternatives

- Build off of previous list and input from Council in October.
- FMAT input incorporated into document.
- Staff looking for confirmation, modifications, additions, deletions...
Alternative 1

- No action

- Emergency measures expire June 3. No federal management north of NC/VA border. VA, MD, DE, NJ have or will have measures in place that are comparable or stricter to emergency rules.
Alternative 2

- Management Unit
- 2a - NC/VA Line (Preferred? (PRE))
- 2b - Cape Hatteras
- 2c - Objectives
Alternative 3

- Status Determination Criteria
- Use most recent accepted assessment
Alternative 4

- Commercial Permitting/Reporting
- 4a – Use golden tilefish permits (PRE)
- 4b – New blueline permits
- 4c – Standard reporting (PRE)
- 4d – eVTRs
- 4e – Dealer permits & reporting (PRE)
Alternative 5

- For-Hire Permitting/Reporting
- 5a – Use golden tilefish permits (PRE)
- 5b – New blueline permits
- 5c – Standard reporting
- 5d – eVTRs
Alternative 6

- Private Permitting/Reporting
- 6a – Private Permit
- 6b – Require HMS permit
- 6c – Private reporting (HMS)
- 6d – Private reporting (online pre-landing)
- 6e – No private recreational permit
Alternative 7

- Monitoring Committee
- Use golden tilefish monitoring committee
Alternative 8

- Frameworks
- Allow previously-considered actions to be frameworked
Alternative 9

- Specifications
- 9a – Specifications mechanisms
- 9b – ABC Control Rule
- 9c – Risk Policy
Alternative 10

- Allocations (landings)
  - 10a – No allocations
  - 10b1 – 5-year median (2009-2013)
  - 10b2 – 5-year mean (2009-2013)
  - 10c1 – 10-year median (2004-2013)
  - 10c2 – 10-year mean (2004-2013)
  - 10d – Specifications w/ allocations
  - 10e – Specifications w/o allocations
Alternative 11

- Commercial Trip Limits (gutted)
  - 11a – Current – 275 pounds
  - 11b – 200 pounds
  - 11c – 300 pounds
  - 11d – 500 pounds
  - 11e – 900 pounds
Alternative 12

- Recreational Limits
  - 12a – Current – 7 fish
  - 12b – 5 fish
  - 12c – 9 fish
  - 12d – 3 extra fish for longer trips
Alternative 13

- EFH
- 13a – Wait
- 13b – EFH designation via life history information (46-256 meters)
Alternative 14

- Accountability Measures

- 14a – AMs with allocations
  - Management measures, deductions

- 14b – AMs w/o allocations
  - Management measures, deductions

- 14c – In-season closure authority.
  - Sub option: no recreational closure
  - Sub option: 80% recreational closure threshold
Suggestions to clarify alternatives – directly incorporated into document

- Clarify no action (no Federal management north of NC)
- Add fishing year
- Gutted/whole issue
- Add dealer requirements
- Add eVTR for commercial permits (consistency with for-hire)
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- Clarify recreational permitting/reporting
- EFH (does it need to be designated?) Yes.
- Coastwide management unit to considered but rejected
- Cape Hatteras Split