SSC
Butterfish

July 2020
Overview

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## Current Specifications (100%CV)

### Table 10. Summary of Butterfish Preferred Specifications 3b.

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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>(a) ABC (SSC)</td>
<td>17,801</td>
<td>27,108</td>
<td>32,063</td>
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<td>(b) ACT Buffer</td>
<td>890</td>
<td>2,033</td>
<td>3,206</td>
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<td>(c) ACT Buffer %</td>
<td>5.0%</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
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<td>(d) ACT</td>
<td>16,911</td>
<td>25,075</td>
<td>28,857</td>
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<td>(e) Landings or &quot;Domestic Annual Harvest (DAH)&quot;</td>
<td>12,093</td>
<td>20,061</td>
<td>23,752</td>
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<td>(f) Assumed discards in butterfish fishing (2.4%)</td>
<td>297</td>
<td>493</td>
<td>584</td>
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<td>(g) Assumed other discards (highest from cap years)</td>
<td>637</td>
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<td>(h) Butterfish Cap (longfin discards)</td>
<td>3,884</td>
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<td>(i) Close primary directed at this amount, with 1,000 mt left; go to 5,000 pound trip limit</td>
<td>11,093</td>
<td>19,061</td>
<td>22,752</td>
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These amounts total to the ACT.
Info Doc Highlights

Butterfish Inflation-Adjusted Price $/MT
In-year landings not published live, but trending lower than last year.
FPR Highlights

- Shifting thermal habitat
- Tariffs
- Regulation limitations – Monument
- COVID-19 affecting everything in current year.
- Limited interest, developing markets
- State surveys may be important
Staff Recommendation

- Trends are downward
- Projections too optimistic vs low recruitment
- Conservative approach within the standard approaches – lower recruitment and higher CV... 150%
- Averaged ABC
- 13,442 MT for 2021-2022