

Possible Considerations for NPFMC

MSA Reauthorization

(Submitted by Duncan Fields -- Language Changes underlined in Bold & Italics)

1. Minimize Discards

Recommend that National standard 9, Sec. 301(a)(9), be modified to include a part (C) "**and to the extent that mortality cannot be avoided, minimize regulatory and economic discards.**"

2. Crew Protections

(c) Requirements for Limited Access Privileges

Recommend that under under Sec 303(A)(c)(F) the following additional language be included: (F)specify the goals of the program, "**including, but not limited to, goals for crewman compensation**".

3. Enhanced Community Protections

(c) Requirements for Limited Access Privileges

Recommend that under Sec 303(A)(c)(1)(F) the following additional language be included: (F)specify the goals of the program, "**including, but not limited to, goals for protecting fishery dependent communities located within the management area of the relevant Council.**"

(4) Regional Fishery Associations

Recommend that under Sec 303(A)(c)(4)(A)(iv) & (v)

Sec (v) **are** ~~not~~ eligible to receive an initial allocation of a limited access privilege **and** ~~but~~ may acquire such privileges after the initial allocation.....

Sec (iv) add the following language: Consist of participants in the fishery who hold quota shares that are designated for use in the specific region or subregion covered by the regional fishery association, including commercial or recreational fishing, processing, fishery-dependent support businesses, or fishing communities **and/or individuals who are active participants in the fishery.**

Section 3 (Definitions)

The term "active participants" means individuals that are physically present on a fishing vessel during the prosecution of a fishery who are paid compensation for their fishery participation.