



Golden Tilefish

Incidental Fishery Issues



Council Meeting
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- When the Tilefish FMP was implemented in 2001, 3 permit categories were created:
 - Full-time
 - Part-time
 - Incidental



- The incidental category was developed to accommodate landings from “incidental” vessels (mostly otter trawls and a few gillnet vessels) that would encounter golden tilefish while fishing for other species



- 14 different gear types reported as having GTF commercial landings 1989-1998, combined. Bulk of landings from:
 - Lines Long, set w/ hooks (93% total landings)
 - OT bottom, fish (7%)
 - Other gear types (<0.05%)



- When the IFQ system was implemented in 2009, the different permit categories were eliminated and replaced with a single commercial vessel permit
- Commercial vessels are restricted to the incidental possession limit unless fishing under an IFQ allocation



- The incidental fishery is allocated 5% of the quota and trip limits are used to achieve the incidental target quota
- Current regulations stipulate that incidental landings cannot exceed 500 pounds live weight of golden tilefish per trip



- Industry members have indicated that non-IFQ tilefish vessels are targeting golden tilefish and this does not qualify as incidental landings
- They have argued that this goes against the intent of the incidental fishery as presented under the original FMP



- FW2 looked at this issue
 - Extensive threshold analysis
 - GTF contribution to total landings in pounds and \$. Also described gear types and other ssp landed
 - Analysis indicated that golden tilefish becomes more important to the total landings of incidental trips as the threshold levels (amount of golden tilefish landed on a per trip basis) increases



- FW2 Implemented Landings Ratios/Qualifiers for the Incidental Fishery
 - **Tilefish permitted vessels not fishing under an IFQ allocation, cannot land golden tilefish in excess of 50%, by weight, of their total landings**



- Stakeholders have identified bottom longline and handline gear as potential gear types that are used to target GTF under the incidental landings regulations
- And that an evaluation of Tilefish permits is needed to further assess this issue



- Trips that landed ≤ 500 lb of GTF using longline gear, for the 2012 to 2017 period
 - About 31K lb of GTF landed
 - GTF contributed with 24% of the total landings of all spp combined for these trips
 - Dogfish (24%); BLT (20%); Yellowfin tuna (14%); Swordfish (6%); Dogs smooth (5%); Bigeye tuna (4%); Sand tilefish (3%); Black sea bass (2%); Dolphinfish (1%)
- GTF contributed with $\sim 0.4\%$ of the overall total GTF landings (all gear types & trips)



- Trips that landed ≤ 500 lb of GTF using handline gear, for the 2012 to 2017 period
 - About 21K lb of GTF landed
 - GTF contributed with 30% of the total landings of all spp combined for these trips
 - *Loligo* squid (32%); BLT (9%); Yellowfin tuna (9%); Bigeye tuna (8%); Butterfish (3%); Bluefin tuna (1%)
- GTF contributed with $\sim 0.2\%$ of the overall total GTF landings (all gear types & trips)

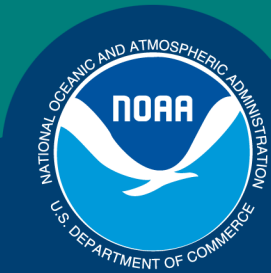


- Concerns about vessels targeting GTF under the incidental rules
- Some of these vessels do not have permitting requirements to sell fish or meet CG safety requirements
- Next a presentation about Tilefish Fishing permits

Questions?



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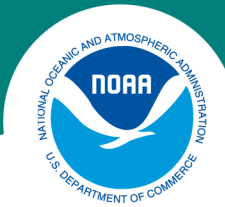
Golden Tilefish Permits

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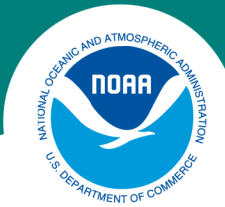
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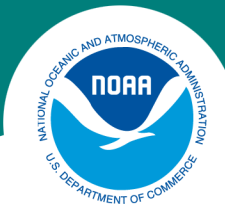
Background

- Permits issued by tilefish fishing year (Nov. 1-Oct. 31)
- Permits have been grouped into 4 categories
 1. Permits that also included a limited access permit
 2. Permits that also included an open access permit
 3. Permits that also included a charter/party permit
 4. None of the above (commercial tilefish only)
- What percentage of permits in each group above also had squid/dogfish permits or HMS landings



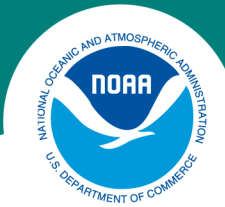
Tilefish Permits

YEAR	Total Commercial Tilefish Permits	Also Has a Limited Access Commercial Permit		Also Has an Open Access Commercial Permit		Also Has a Charter/Party Permit		Commercial Tilefish Only	
		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2012	2181	1606	73.6%	543	24.9%	28	1.3%	4	0.2%
2013	2098	1545	73.6%	528	25.2%	21	1.0%	4	0.2%
2014	2060	1517	73.6%	520	25.2%	21	1.0%	2	0.1%
2015	2001	1466	73.3%	515	25.7%	18	0.9%	2	0.1%
2016	1956	1419	72.5%	517	26.4%	18	0.9%	2	0.1%



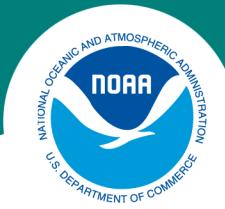
Squid Permits

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		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2012	2181	1518	69.6%	486	22.3%	21	1.0%	0	0.0%
2013	2098	1456	69.4%	469	22.4%	15	0.7%	0	0.0%
2014	2060	1428	69.3%	463	22.5%	15	0.7%	0	0.0%
2015	2001	1383	69.1%	457	22.8%	11	0.5%	0	0.0%
2016	1956	1343	68.7%	449	23.0%	10	0.5%	0	0.0%



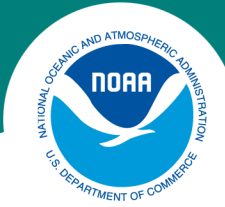
Dogfish Permits

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		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2012	2181	1551	71.1%	472	21.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2013	2098	1495	71.3%	459	21.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2014	2060	1466	71.2%	451	21.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2015	2001	1423	71.1%	440	22.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2016	1956	1377	70.4%	441	22.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%



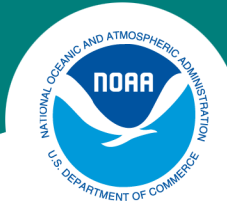
Highly Migratory Species Incidental

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		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2012	2181	74	3.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2013	2098	68	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2014	2060	71	3.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2015	2001	67	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2016	1956	62	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%



Highly Migratory Species Landings

YEAR	Total Commercial Tilefish Permits	Also Has a Limited Access Commercial Permit		Also Has an Open Access Commercial Permit	
		Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
2012	2181	66	3.0%	20	0.9%
2013	2098	60	2.9%	30	1.4%
2014	2060	67	3.3%	37	1.8%
2015	2001	51	2.5%	39	1.9%
2016	1956	73	3.7%	73	3.7%



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