



**Ecosystem and Ocean  
Planning Committee and AP  
Update:  
*EAFM Risk Assessment Review***

August 2023 Council Meeting

*Annapolis, MD*

# EAFM Risk Assessment Review

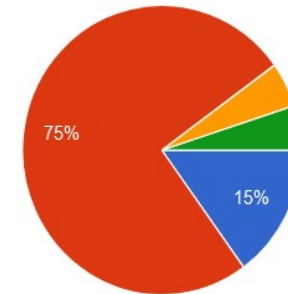
- Meeting 2 – joint webinar meeting of Committee and AP on July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Focus on elements, definitions, and indicators
    - What are we measuring (element), why are we measuring it (definition), and how are we measuring it (indicator)
  - Pre-meeting feedback on existing and new elements
    - Selected “preferred alternative”
    - Offered suggested modifications

## Existing/Current Risk Elements

### #1 - Stock Assessment Performance

20 responses

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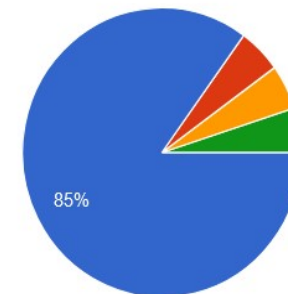


- Current version: Stock Assessment Performance - Risk of not achieving OY due to analytical limitations
- Modified version 1: Stock Assessment Performance - Risk of not achieving OY due to analytical limitations and/or retro...
- Risk of not achieving OY due to lack of data caused by offshore wind impacts...
- this one still IMO needs clarification, neither forecasted analytics or retrospe...

### #2 - Fishing Mortality (F) Status

20 responses

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- Current version: F Status - Risk of not achieving OY due to overfishing
- Risk of not achieving OY due to overfishing caused by the Recreational HCR which allows for overfishing
- F Status - Risk of not achieving OY due to overfishing or underfishing
- current version is fine, but its not clear to me if the risk is not achieving OY in year 1, or in subsequent years due to overfis...

# Meeting 2 Feedback

## ■ Ecological Risk Elements

- 8 elements – retain as is or slight modifications to the definition or indicators
- **Food Web** elements – modify/combine elements into 2 elements with broader scope and consideration
- 3 elements – further exploration and development of different components of element (e.g., definition, data, and/or indicators) and determine if worth retaining

## ■ Socio-economic Risk Elements

- 3 elements – retain as is or slight modifications
- **Commercial Fishery Resilience** risk elements – modify/combine a suite of elements into a more comprehensive element with a number of indicators
- 6 elements (mostly rec. fishery focused) – further exploration and development is needed

## ■ Management Risk Elements

- 2 elements – retain as is or slight modifications
- Didn't get through remaining 10 elements (see next slide)

# Timeline & Review Approach

- Iteratively review and update specific parts of the risk assessment at a series of meetings in 2023

✓ Meeting 1 (April 27<sup>th</sup>) – considered Risk Elements and Definitions

✓ Meeting 2 (July 7<sup>th</sup> webinar) – considered Elements and Indicators

- August 22<sup>nd</sup> webinar – finish Element/Indicator review

– Meeting 3 (Sept. 13-14 in-person) – review risk assessment components and application(s) for Council needs

– October Council meeting – present risk assessment recommendations for Council review and approval

