

Draft Goals and Objectives for Possible Redevelopment of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council RSA Program

Goal 1: Ensure effective monitoring, accountability, and enforcement of RSA quota (Enforcement and Administration)

Objectives:

- Minimize law enforcement and administrative (agency and researcher) burdens
- Improve enforceability to revoke RSA fishing privileges
- **Provide support for administrative and law enforcement activities**
- Apply enhanced, adaptive, and consistent enforcement standards and controls
- Increase state-federal science, enforcement, and administration collaboration and cooperation
- Ensure compliance with the reporting and use of the RSA quota

Goal 2: Generate resources to fund research projects that align with the priorities of the Council (Funding)

Objectives:

- Maximize revenues from RSA quota
- **Provide equitable opportunity to fund research across all Council-managed species**
- Increase scientific and industry partnerships
- **Ensure fairness in fishing community access to RSA quota**

Goal 3: Produce quality, peer-reviewed research that maximizes benefits to the Council and public *and enhances the Council's understanding of its managed resources* (Research)

Objectives:

- Ensure all data collected (funding and research) through the RSA program is open access
- Support more applied, management-focused research activities
- Place a higher priority on proposed RSA projects whose anticipated results would likely have immediate application to species management
- **Avoid commitments to longer-term monitoring projects**

Goal 4: Foster collaboration and trust between scientific and fishing communities and the general public

Objectives:

- Ensure all data collected (funding and research) through the RSA program is open access
- Ensure an open, accountable, and transparent process through all steps (funding and research) of the RSA program
- Increase scientific and industry partnerships
- **Ensure fairness in fishing community access to RSA quota**

Notes:

- The same objective can be found under more than one goal
- The draft objectives in **red** are directly related to high priority questions to be addressed by the Committee. Inclusion of these objectives would imply those questions have been answered by default.
- The *italicized* language associated with Goal 3 is new and added based on input from the Research Steering Committee during the November 16, 2021 meeting.

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