



MAFMC RSA Program Review Update

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Progress on Science Issues

- SSC currently developing revised research prioritization process (Rothschild and Holliday)
- SSC integrated into pool of technical reviewers of RSA proposals
- SSC conducting technical review of BSB ventless trap survey

Enforcement and Administrative Issues

- Pre-landing notification (call-in)
- Report VTR serial number when reporting RSA landings in IVR
- NMFS notification system to enforcement about RSA vessel activities
- Require separate reporting of RSA amounts by Dealers
- Require federal permit for vessels participating in RSA Program

Future Direction of RSA Program

- Two projects funded in 2014
- NEAMAP (\$1,105,602)
- BSB Ventless Trap Survey (\$319,174)

Options for future of RSA

1. Status quo
2. Specify RSA amounts=0.
3. Maintain current RSA amounts and notify public that BSB survey only priority for 2015/2016 if NEAMAP funded by Congress (unused RSA revert to fishery)
4. Terminate Program (Amend FMPs)