

Squid Amendment

Baltimore, MD Dec 2016



Today

- Review AP and Committee Input
 - Focus on Committee Motions
- Adopt alternatives for further analysis in public hearing document
- Review timeline

Background

- Previous direction:
 - Squid Permits
 - Trimesters
 - Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket Issue
 - Maine Issue
 - Goals and Objectives?

Background

- Previous meetings:
 - FMAT
 - AP
 - AP/Committee - Motions
 - FMAT

Goals and Objectives

- I move to recommend to the Council to leave the current MSB goals and objectives in place during the development of the Squid Capacity Amendment. Reid/Nolan: 9/0/0

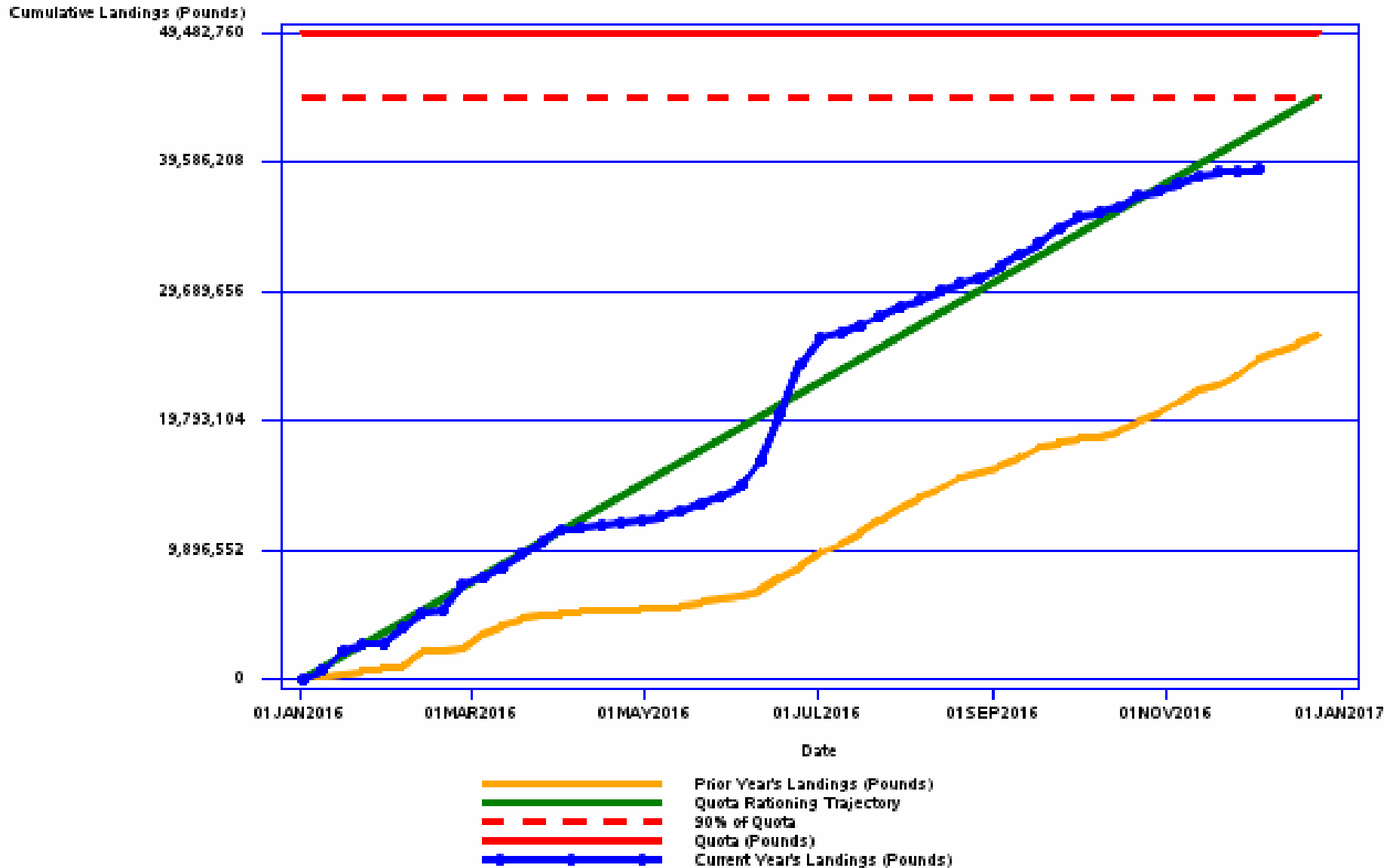
Maine Permit Issue

- I move to recommend to the Council that the Maine longfin issue be moved to considered but rejected. Nolan/Heins: 8-0-0

Squid Permits

- Initial range from staff
- AP Increased
- AP/Committee narrowed based on initial analysis

Longfin Squid Quota Monitoring Report



Squid Permits

- I move to recommend to the Council to move forward with additional analysis on the following re-qualification alternatives for longfin squid (all of 2013 would count for landings):
 - No action
 - 1997-2015, 10,000 pound best year threshold
 - 2003-2013, all poundage thresholds
 - 1997-2013 10,000 pound best year threshold
 - 1997-2013 with 50,000 pound average threshold

Squid Permits

– 2003-2013,
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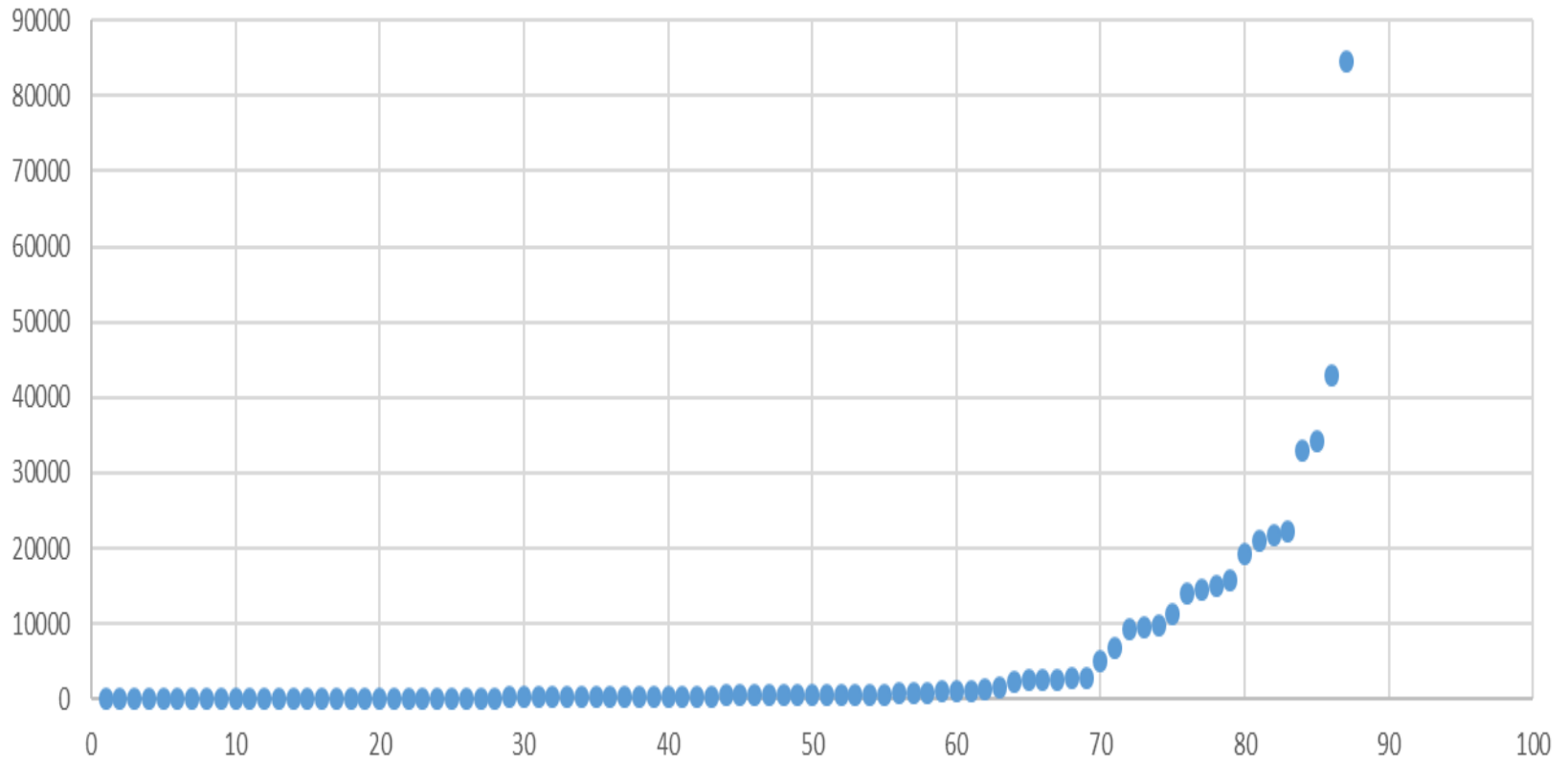
YEAR	Vessels 500,000+	Vessels 100,000 - 500,000	Vessels 50,000 - 100,000	Vessels 10,000 - 50,000
1997	13	87	55	65
1998	18	86	46	91
1999	18	85	36	119
2000	13	96	46	97
2001	12	65	44	84
2002	13	90	32	69
2003	8	64	25	59
2004	15	63	27	52
2005	19	62	19	46
2006	16	76	24	47
2007	16	44	30	68
2008	10	58	18	78
2009	8	52	26	64
2010	3	45	22	65
2011	7	55	32	46
2012	8	75	38	41
2013	10	56	20	37
2014	12	60	27	55
2015	13	49	21	50
2016	18	77	37	50

2015 Dir & Inc

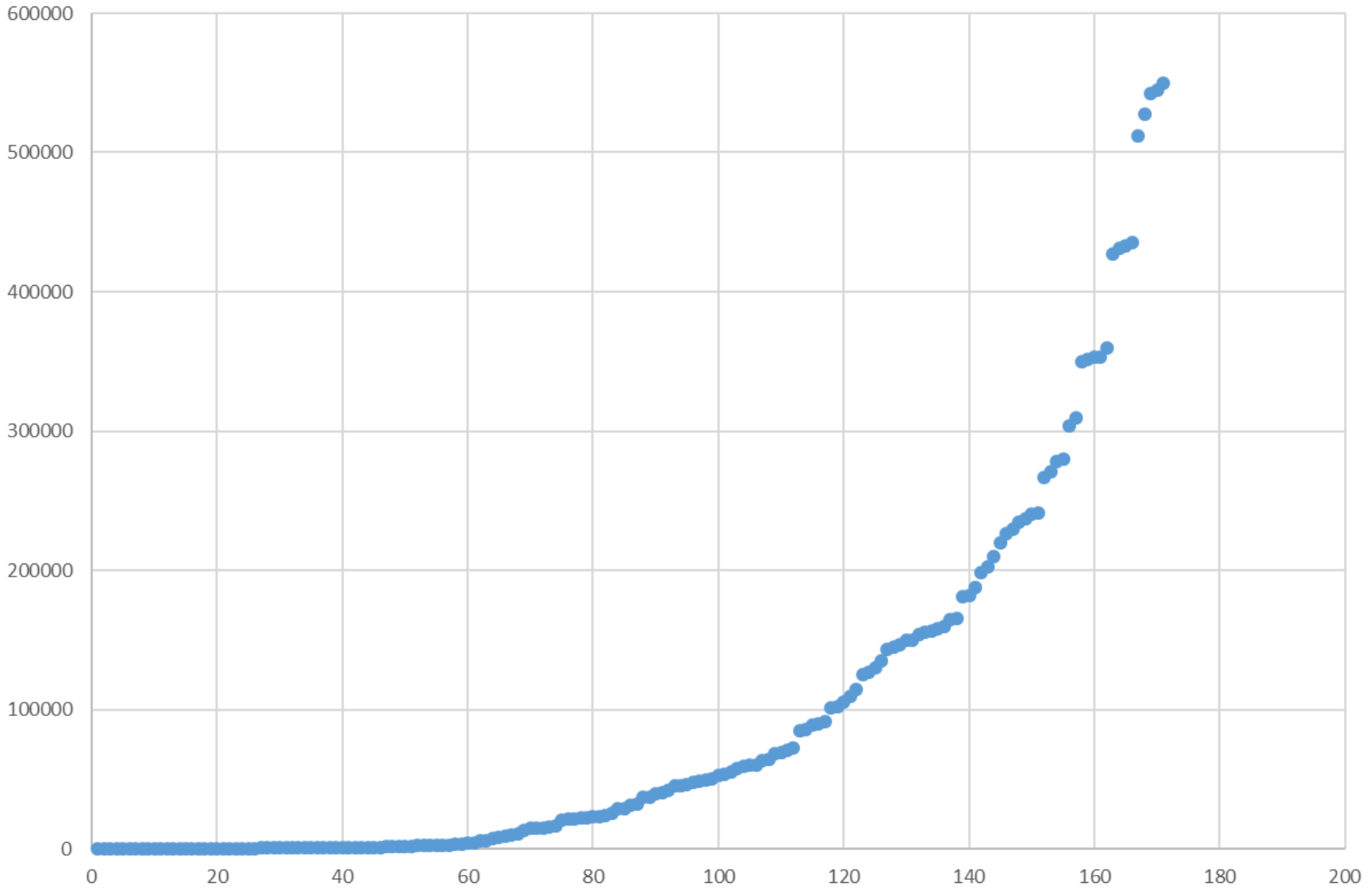
- 301 Moratorium Permits in 2015
- 179 had landings in 2015
- 122 had no landings in 2015
- 1555 Incidental Permits in 2015
- 87 had landings

2015 Dir & Inc

2015 Landings, Incidental Permits



2015 Landings, Moratorium Permits



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Squid Options

- I move to recommend to the Council that for non-requalifying longfin squid vessels, they be issued an incidental permit in the event that the incidental permits become limited access.
Nolan/Hughes: 9-0-0

Squid Options

- I move to recommend to the Council to use a 1997-2013 best year 2,500/5,000 pound qualifiers for a proposed limited access incidental permit, with a 250/500 pound trip limit for an open access permit.
Nolan/Heins: 8-0-0

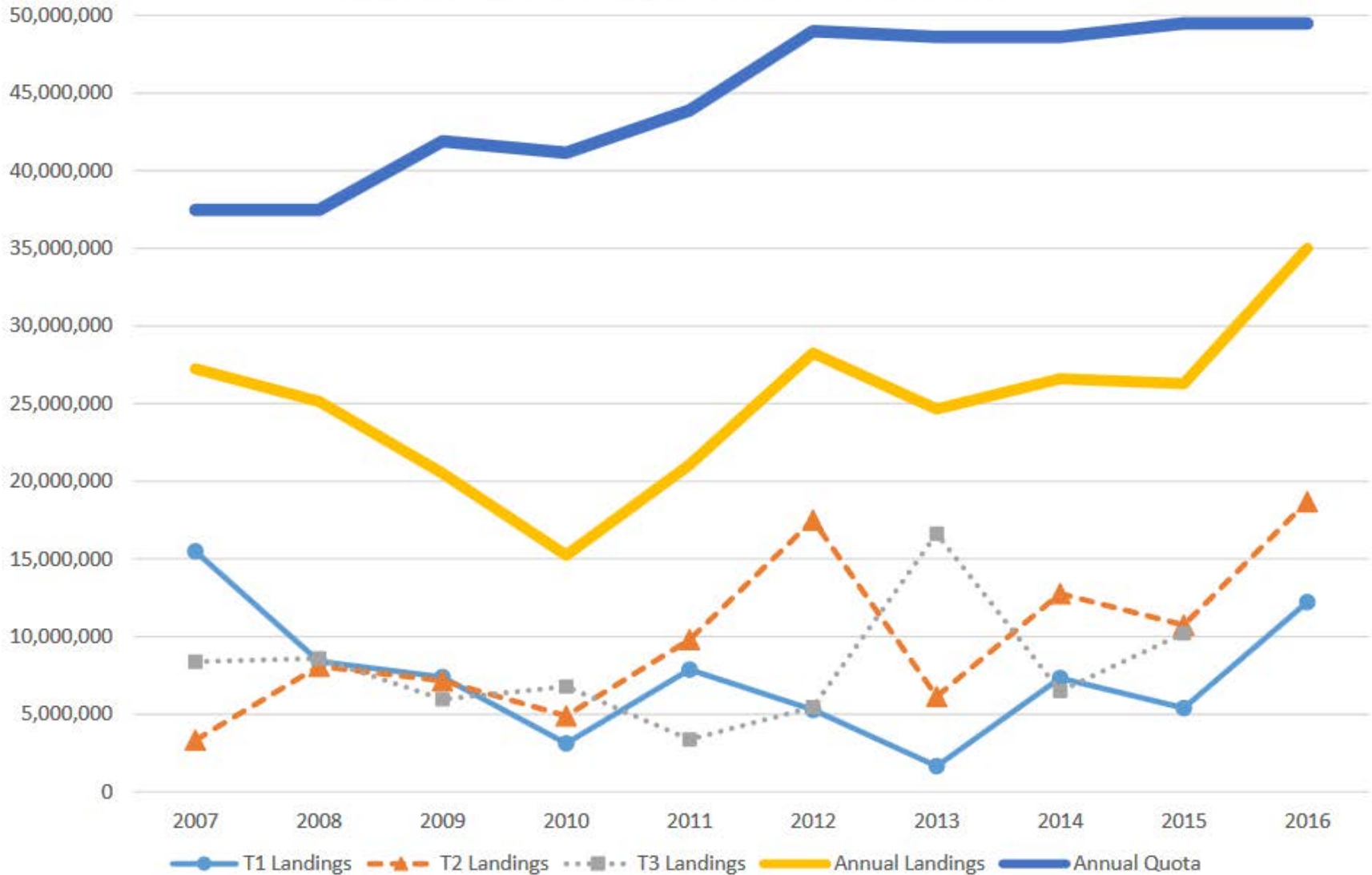
Squid Options

- I move to recommend to the Council to move forward with additional analysis on the following re-qualification alternatives for *Illex* squid (all of 2013 would count for landings):
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 - 1997-2015, 10,000 pound best year threshold (Rationale: range - very low bar to re-qualify)
 - 10,000 pound threshold (best year) 97-all of 2013.
 - 50,000 pound threshold (best year) 97-all of 2013.
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 - 200,000 pound threshold (best year) 97-all of 2013.
 - Nolan/Reid: 9/0/0

Trimester Options

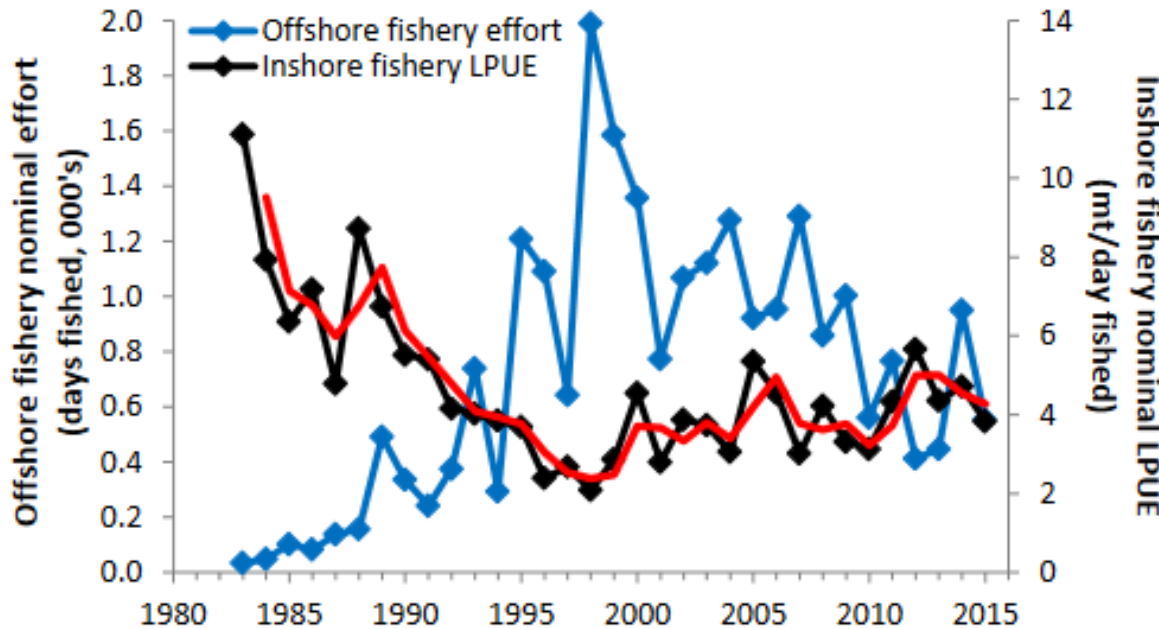
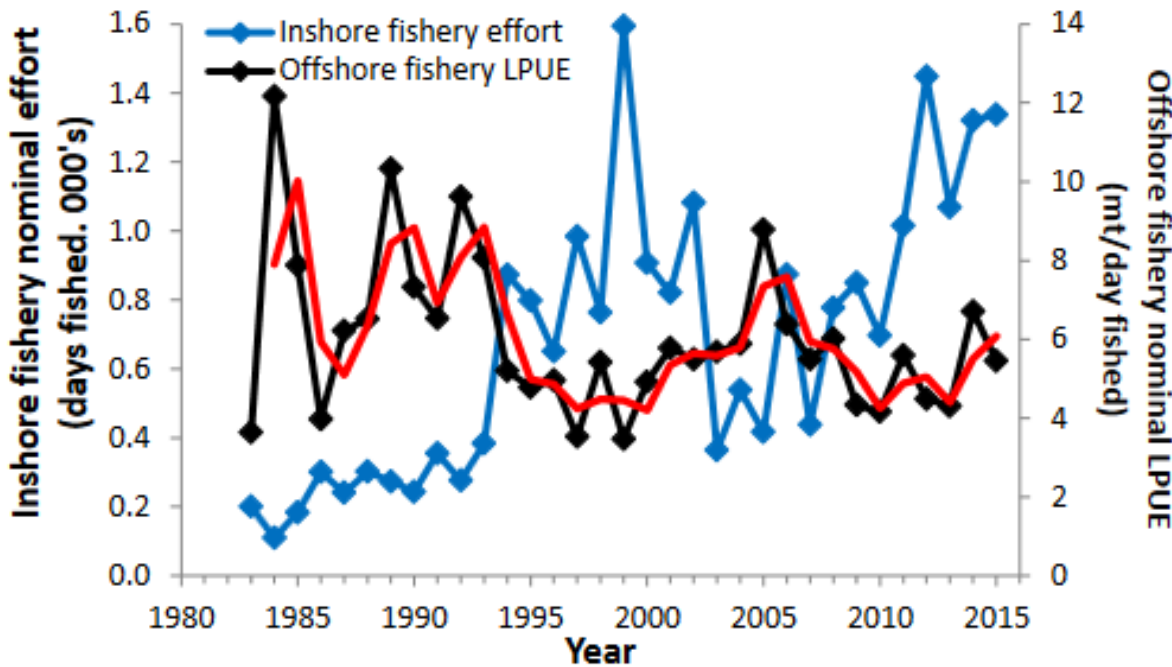
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- Eliminate/Reduce by half roll-over from T1 to T2 (would all go to T3)
- Once T2 quota reached, go to 250 or 500 pound trip limit in Federal waters
- A split Trimester 2 quota
Nowalsky/Nolan: 8-0-0

Longfin Squid Landings, Annual and by Trimester

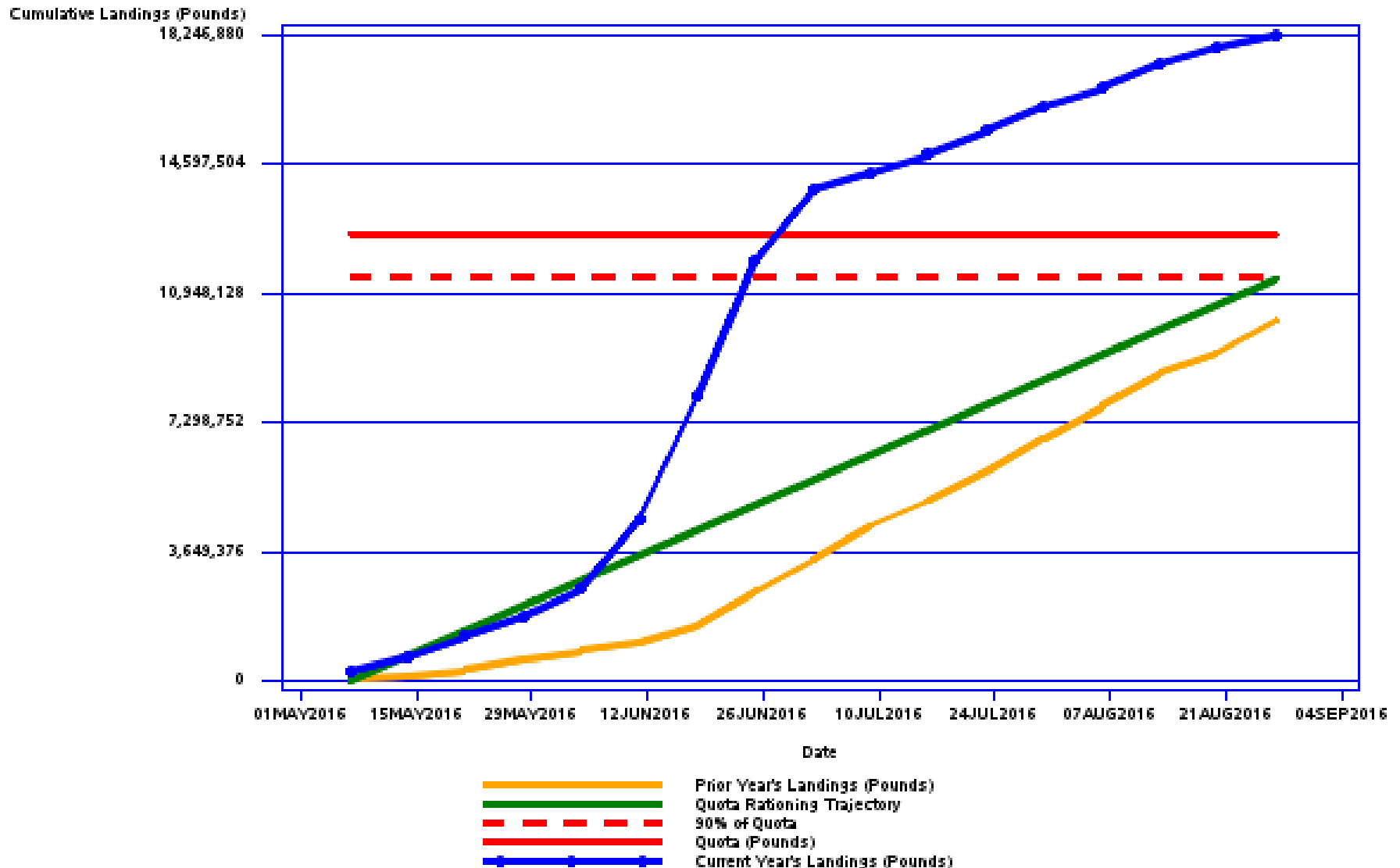


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- Apr-Sept Inshore
- Vs
- Oct-Mar Offshore



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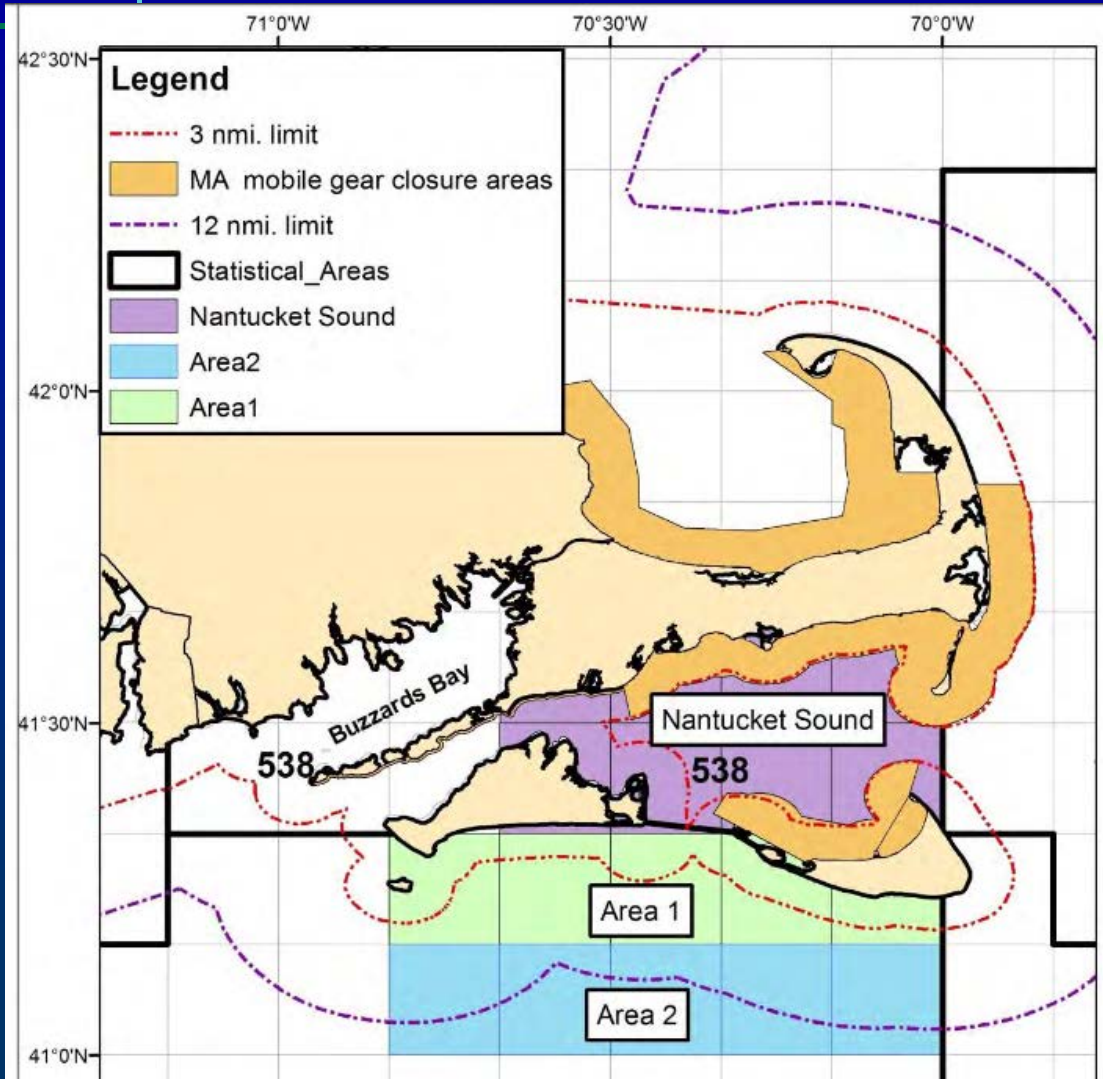
Nantucket/ MV Area

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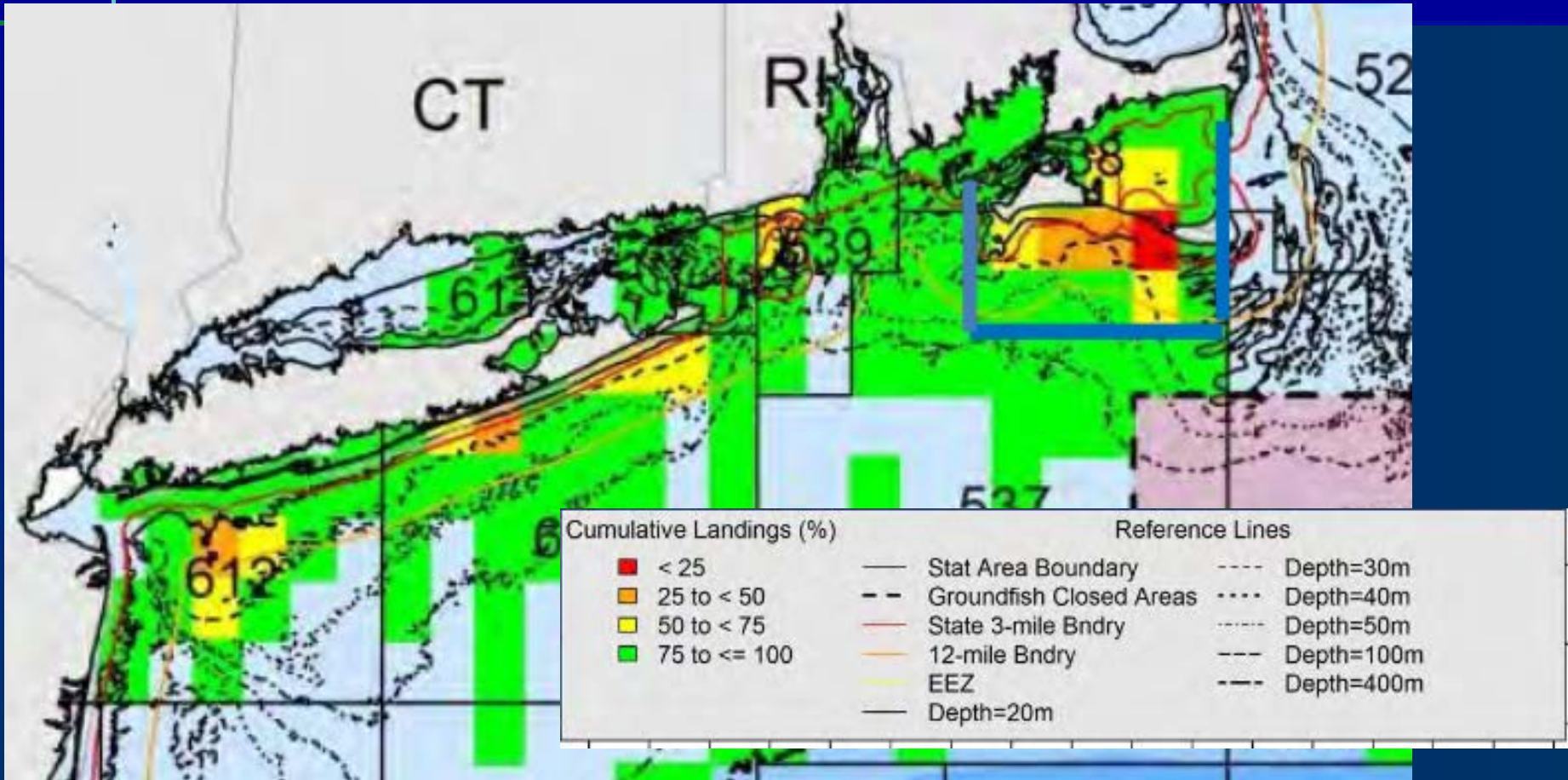
FMAT & NEPA

- Gray area
- Including an area option(s) close to original scoping comment makes amendment less susceptible to lawsuit
- Can give some info on what happened in an area, but impacts from closing a small area not possible to predict.

FMAT & NEPA



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- Cumulative landings (% by ten-minute square) for bottom trawl trips with landings > 2,500 lbs of longfin squid in Trimester 2 during 2007-2015. The boundary of the study area is shown in blue.

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Timeline

MAFMC Meeting to adopt public hearing document and identify any preliminary preferred alternatives	December 2016
Public hearings	January/February 2017
MAFMC Meeting to: review comments; select final preferred measures; approve/adopt amendment)	April 2017
Final Rule Effective	January 1, 2018