



MSB Framework 8

Butterfish Cap
Management Tweaks
1st Meeting - No Action

2 Issues

- 1: No control of longfin squid
Trimester 2 in terms of butterfish cap
- 2: Could be a lot of either unused landings or unused cap at end of the year.

Issue 1 – Trimester 2

- Historically low butterfish catch by Tri 2 longfin squid fishery
- Am10 focused on Tri 1 and Tri 3
- Tri 2 activity comes out of Total

Issue 1 – Trimester 2

- 2012: Lots of longfin squid fishing in Tri 2
- Tri 2 could use up enough cap to eliminate Tri 3 or exceed ABC
- Lots of 2012 Tri 2 longfin squid fishing, but...

Issue 1 – Solution

- Regardless, it may make sense to manage Tri 2 separately...
- Cap Allocation A or B (Frmwk 8, p 8)

Issue 2 – In-Season Transfer

- There could be unused landings or cap quota, and it could be advantageous for industry if NMFS was able to transfer a certain amount of quota between landings and the cap, near the end of the year

Issue 2 – Solution

- NMFS could transfer up to 50% of the landings or cap to optimize the use of overall butterfish landings, generally on November 15.
- Only done if transfer appeared unlikely to negatively impact the one getting reduced.

Issue 2 – Solution

- Impact = make it more likely that catch is closer to ACT (higher but still at/below ACT).
- A transfer of ACT between uses...

Questions?

(No motions needed relative to action on framework...this is framework meeting 1.)