

# 2009 Groundfish Adjustment

# Amendment 13 Provisions

- Rebuilding strategies include substantial mortality reductions in 2009
- Default DAS reduction included in A13 (effective 18.2 percent reduction in Category A DAS)
- Stock status and reference points will be evaluated in 2008

# Assessment Timing

- Four separate meetings planned: data, assessment methodology, reference points, GARM III
- Time needed to collect data determines meeting dates
- Include 2007 data: GARM III in August

# Management Actions

- Amendment or framework?
  - Little difference in workload
  - Amendment can consider broader options
- EIS or EA?
  - Little difference in workload or content
  - EIS lengthens process: longer review period, more opportunities for public comment

# Future Conditions

- Expect varying stock status: some good, some bad
- Some stocks are behind rebuilding trajectories
- Industry expected to struggle with reduced landings/revenues
- Expect unwelcome surprise!

# Decisions

- Should GARM III use data from calendar year 2007?
- Should Council prepare an amendment or a framework action?
- Should action be supported by an EIS or an EA?

# Groundfish Committee Recommendations

- Use 2007 data in GARM III = final assessment meeting in August 2008
- Prepare an amendment supported by an EIS
- Consider alternative management systems brought forward during scoping

# Possible Schedule

- November/December 2006: Scoping
- 2007: Alternative/document development
- June/July 2008: Public hearings
- August/September 2008: GARM/Council decision
- May 1, 2009: Implementation

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