De Minimis Fishery Context

- Focus on Northern California Recreational Red Abalone Fishery
- Maximize fishing opportunities while ensure recovery and long-term productivity of the stock
- Engage stakeholders in cost effective and reliable data collection
- Optimize economic support to local communities
De Minimis Considerations

Need to re-evaluate potential measures based on draft management strategy –

• Size Limit
• Daily Bag Limit
• Individual Take Limits (ITL)
• Area
• Season Timing, Length, or Number of Days
• Special Conditions: Data Collection, Reporting
• Compliance/Enforcement
Example One – Biological Fishery

• TAC likely to be 100 or less
• Could be implemented very early during stock recovery to collect biological data using fishermen
• Limited in number of opportunities and scope
• Would require all animals be sampled by the Department to collect data, but retained by fishermen
Example Two – Fishing Zone Re-Entry

• TAC to be determined
• Fishing Zone must have good environmental and stock conditions that could allow a limited opportunity
• Opportunity scaled to ensure no significant impact to recovery (De Minimis considerations)
• Could be tailored to serve a specific stakeholder group – for example rock-picker fishery centered around low tides
Example Three – Recovered or Near Recovered

• Once the Fishing Zone has reached recovery standards, open access with a liberal TAC would be established

• What to do with Marin, Humboldt, and Del Norte?
Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

• Random Draw
  • Everyone has equal chance every year (Wildlife Area Hunts)

• Preference Points
  • Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)

• Pay to Play
  • Those who are willing to pay more get preference (You name it)
Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

• Allocation scheme needs to provide opportunities for all user groups – recreational fishermen, Tribes and Tribal Communities

• If allocations are made for specific user groups, should be based on an objective and fair basis (demand)
Questions & Discussion

• Clarifying Questions

• Management Measures Discussion
  • Size Limit (strategy considers 7” size limit)
  • Daily and Individual Limits
  • Area
  • Other (season timing, length, or number of days; data collection and reporting, compliance/enforcement, etc.)

• Allocation Discussion