RESTRICTED ACCESS FISHERY POSSIBILITIES
WHAT IS A RESTRICTED ACCESS FISHERY?

• Stock can’t sustain the demand
• Not Everyone Gets To Participate
• Recovering or weak stocks should only provide de minimis opportunity
• Must determine:
  • What take can stock sustain at any given level - TAC
  • Establish a minimum “experience” for those chosen to participate
  • Determine how opportunities will be allocated
  • Experience and number of opportunities can change with stock health
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)
Experience Options

• Daily Bag Limit
• Total Individual Allocation
• Season Timing, Length, or Number of Days
• Party Size
• Size Limit
• Biological Data Collection
Example One – Biological Fishery

- Could be implemented very early on in the stock recovery by using fishermen to collect biological data that would otherwise need to be collected by the Department
- Limited in number of opportunities and scope
- Would require presenting the animals to Department to collect data, but would be retained by fishermen
Example Two – Area Re-Entry

• A specific geographical area is identified as having good environmental and stock conditions that could allow a limited opportunity

• Opportunity would be scaled to ensure no significant impact to recovery (bag limit, season length, number of entrants, etc.)

• Could be tailored to serve a specific stakeholder group – for example rock-picker fishery centered around low tides
Example Three - Recovered

• Once a significant area (county?) has reached recovery standards, could consider open access or a very liberal restricted access opportunity

• This could be a county-wide opportunity with characteristics similar to where we were before the collapse of the fishery

• Would likely consolidate all previous opportunities in the geographic area into one – simplify and provide more flexibility
A Scheme Might Look Like: !

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Next Steps:

- Design Opportunities
- Identify triggers/standards for activation (decision rules)
- Build into Harvest Control Rule (HCR)
- Discussion/Questions