

Skate Limited Access

Scoping for Amendment 5

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Skate Scoping
Jan - Feb 2017



Background

- ▶ 2016 Priorities
- ▶ Control Dates
 - ▶ Bait fishery: July 30, 2009
 - ▶ Non-bait fishery: March 31, 2014
- ▶ NEPA information – Citizen’s Guide to NEPA
 - ▶ https://ceq.doe.gov/get-involved/citizens_guide_to_nepa.html



Scoping Hearing Schedule

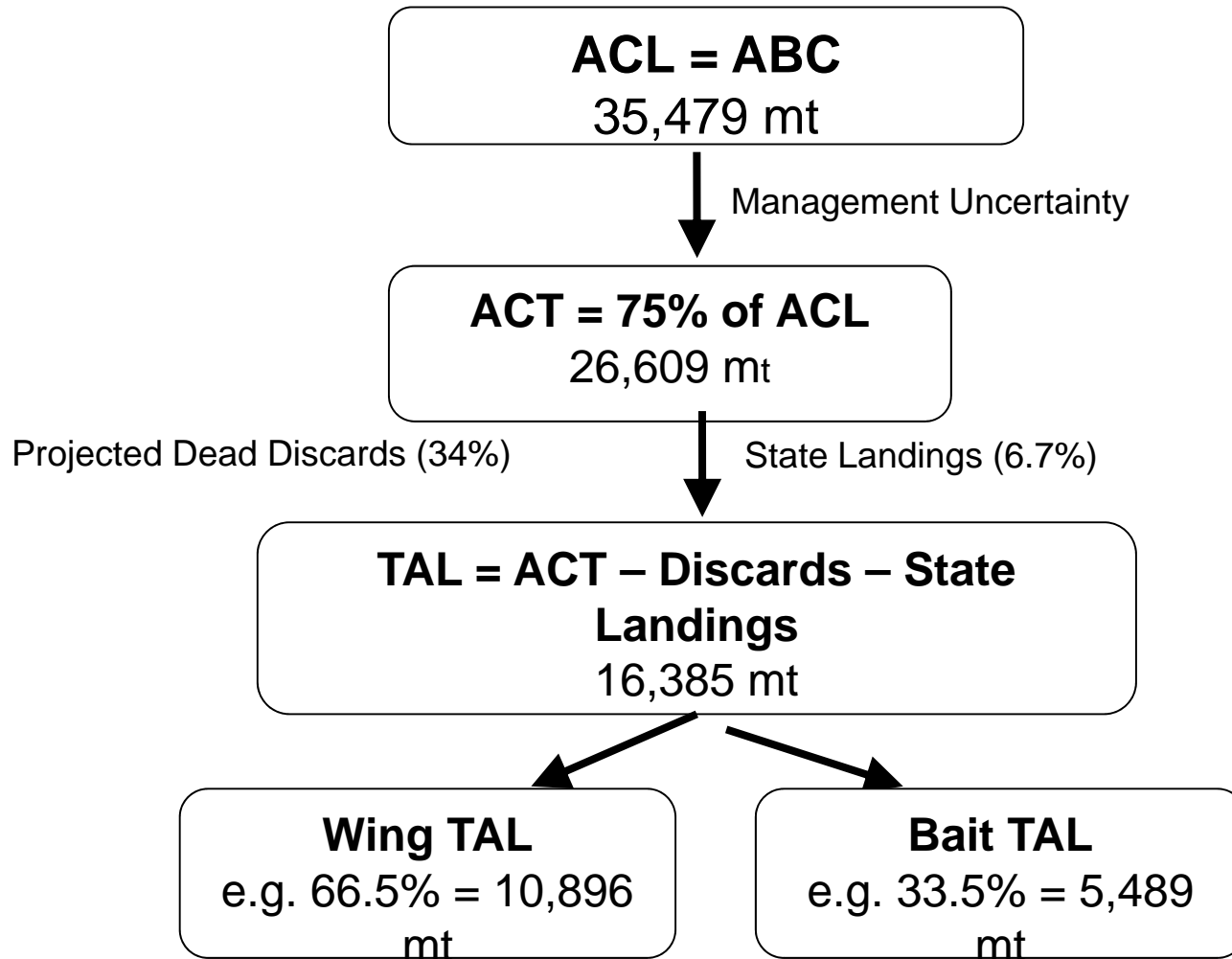
<p>Portsmouth, NH Tuesday, January 24, 2017 5:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Council Meeting)</p>	<p>Sheraton Harborside Hotel 250 Market Street Portsmouth, NH 03801 04101 Telephone: (603) 431-2300</p>
<p>Via Webinar Tuesday, January 31, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Webinar Hearing Register to participate: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/194149773 Call in info: Toll: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 194-149-773</p>
<p>Buzzards Bay, MA Tuesday, February 7, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Mass Maritime 101 Academy Drive Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 Telephone: (508) 830-5000</p>
<p>Narragansett, RI Thursday, February 9, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Graduate School of Oceanography Coastal Institute Building – Hazard Room 215 S Ferry Rd Narragansett, RI 02882 Telephone: (401) 874-6222</p>
<p>***Please note new date*** Cape May, NJ Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Grand Hotel of Cape May 1045 Beach Avenue Cape May, NJ 08204 Telephone: (609) 884-5611</p>
<p>***Please note new date*** Montauk, NY Wednesday, February 22, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation, Inc. 240 Edgemere St. Montauk, New York 11954 Telephone: (631) 668-1124</p>

Scoping document

- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Background information
- ▶ Stock status
 - ▶ Overfishing is not occurring on any species
 - ▶ Thorny skate only species overfished
 - ▶ Barndoor is rebuilt



Specifications

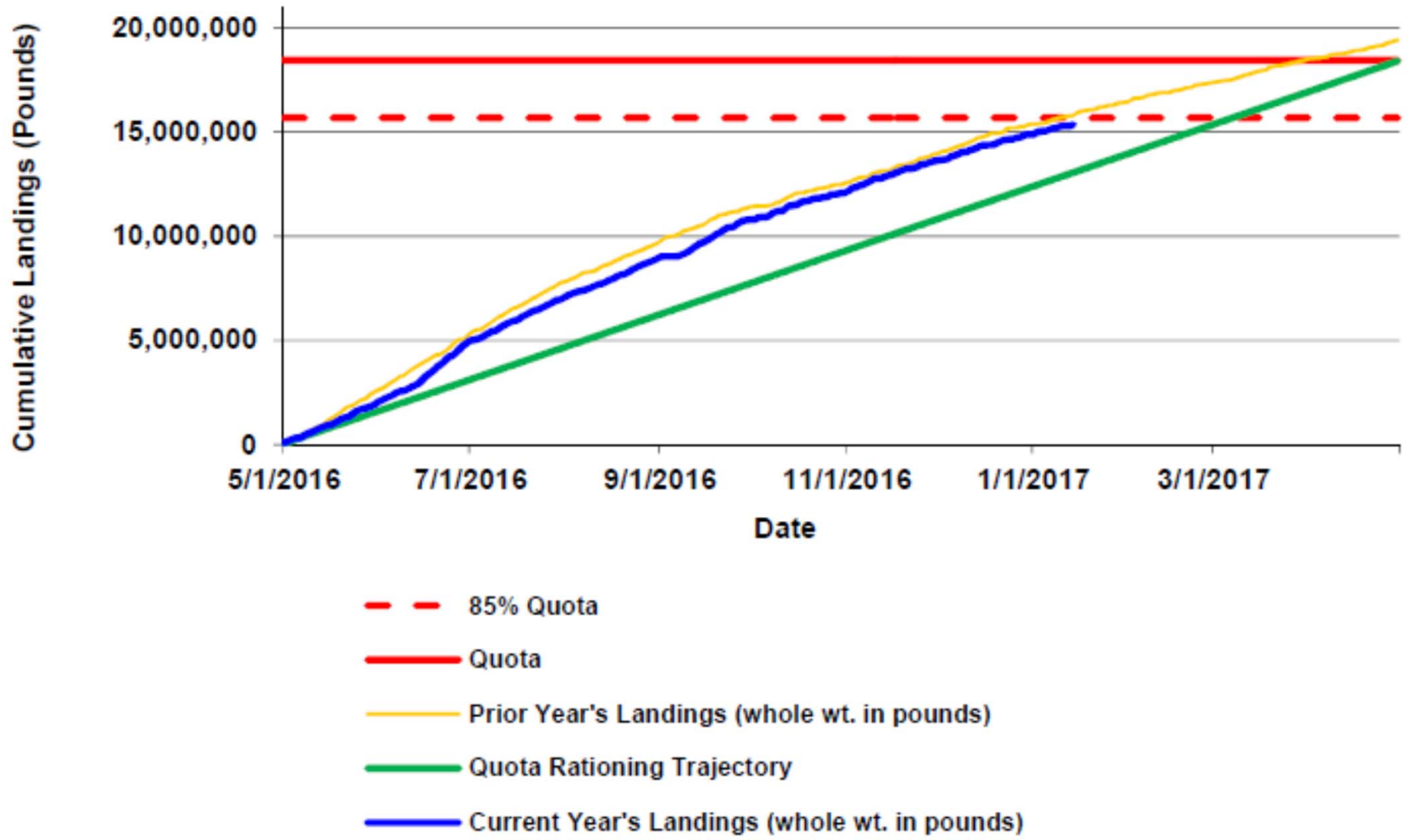


Non-bait

Fishing year	TAL	Landings	Percent of TAL
2010	9,209	4,330	47
2011	14,338	11,790	82
2012	15,538	10,113	65
2013	14,338	7,981	56
2014	11,169	10,605	97




Week ending January 14, 2017

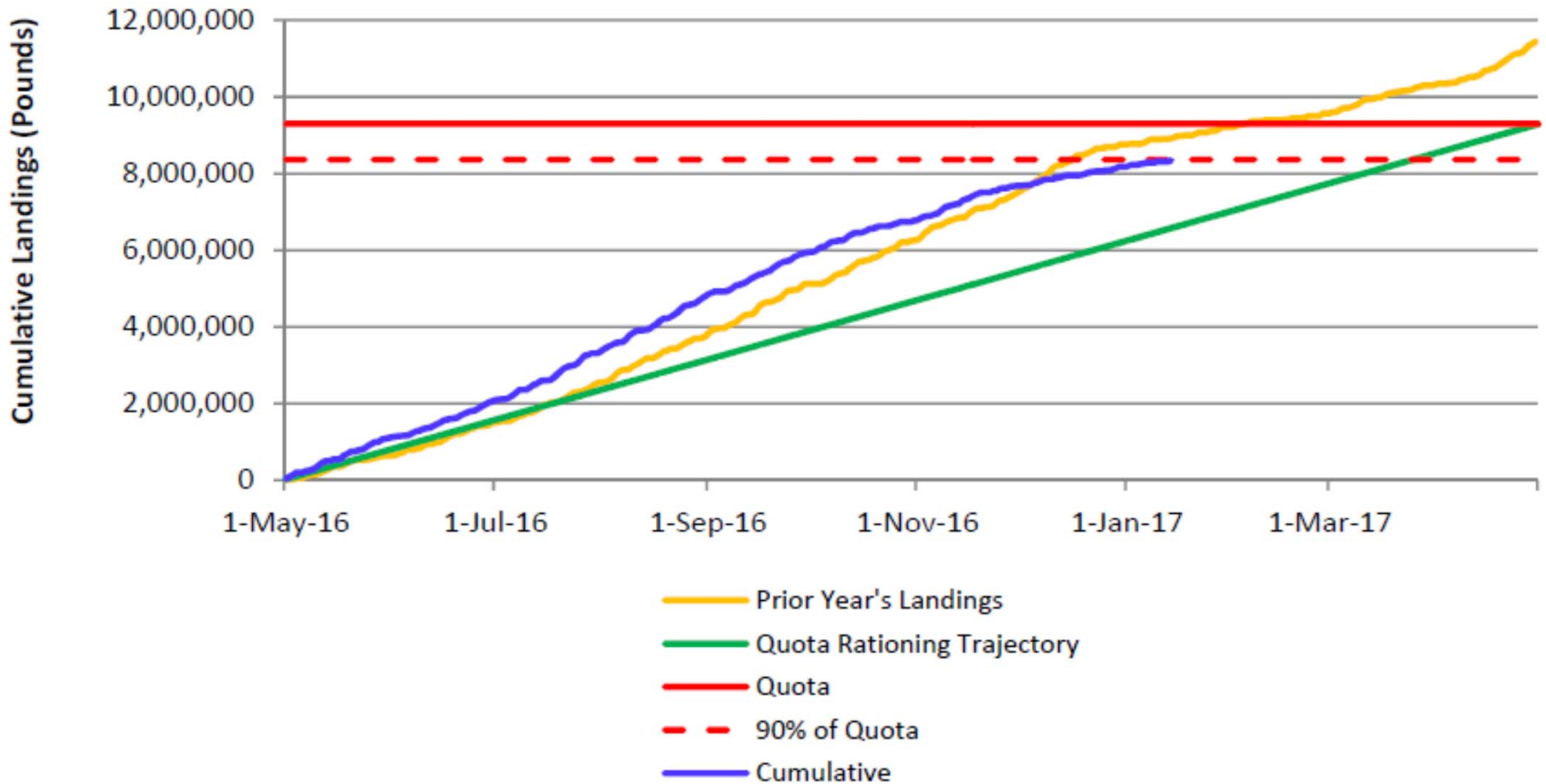


Bait

Fishing year	TAL	Landings	Percent of TAL
2010	4,639	4,571	99
2011	7,223	4,132	57
2012	7,827	5,504	70
2013	7,223	5,596	77
2014	5,626	4,499	82



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Limited access

- ▶ Limited access qualification criteria that would determine whether vessels may target skate. These criteria may differ by stock or management area and may treat older history differently than newer history;
- ▶ Limited access permit conditions (transfers, ownership caps, 'history' permits, etc.); and
- ▶ Permit categories and associated measures.



Qualification criteria

- ▶ **Based on?**
 - ▶ Time of participation
 - ▶ Historical landings
 - ▶ Dependence on the fishery

- ▶ **Structure**
 - ▶ Permit tiers

- ▶ **Data**
 - ▶ VTR
 - ▶ Dealer data



Additional considerations

- ▶ **Accumulation limits**
 - ▶ Recent example AI8 for groundfish
- ▶ **Limit new entrants**
- ▶ **Incidental permit category**
 - ▶ For non-qualifying vessels
- ▶ **Ability to transfer permits**



Timeline

- ▶ **Scoping**
 - ▶ Document approval in November 2016
 - ▶ Hearings in early 2017
 - ▶ Review the comments in early 2017
- ▶ **Develop alternatives**
 - ▶ 2017 - 2018
- ▶ **Implementation**
 - ▶ 2019



How to Comment

- ▶ Public Hearings
- ▶ Fax: (978) 465-3116;
- ▶ Email: comments@nefmc.org
- ▶ Mail at the address below
 - ▶ Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director
 - ▶ New England Fishery Management Council
 - ▶ 50 Water Street, Mill #2
 - ▶ Newburyport, MA 01950
- ▶ Closing Date: March 6, 2017

