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RSA Program Review Update

NEFMC Meeting

Plymouth

September 24-27, 2018



New England
Fishery Management Council

NEFMC RSA Program Review

- Three RSA programs in New England
 - Scallops
 - Monkfish
 - Herring
- Generally successful, but improvements always possible.
- Council priority in 2017, but delayed until recently.
- Executive Committee decided an internal review process.
- Developed review guidance (ToR) in February 2018.

RSA Review Panel

Review Panel:

Dr. Michael Sissenwine, Chair (NEFMC)

Ms. Deirdre Boelke (NEFMC)

Mr. Ryan Silva (GARFO)

Ms. Susan Olsen (GARFO)

Ms. Cheryl Corbett (NEFSC)

Dr. Dan Hennan (NEFSC)

Dr. Brandon Muffley

(MAFMC, Representative/Observer)

RSA Program Review Timeline

Milestones	Target Dates
NEFMC adopts review priority	September 2017
ExComm issues Guidance	February 2018
Develop work plan and outline	Mar-Apr
Input from Committees	May-June
Report Drafting (except recommendations)	June-July October
On Line Survey	Summer Aug-Sept
Interviews	Summer Oct-Nov
Drafting of findings and recommendations	Summer Nov-Dec
Final report	Sept-Dec Jan 2019

On-line survey

- Available August 15 – September 17; 55 respondents.
- Several outreach efforts made to get the word out.
- Survey rather long (40+ questions), but covered all aspects of programs.

19. The management review process is adequate to assure that RSA research is useful for fishery management and adequately considers fishing industry interests.

Strongly agree

Disagree

Agree

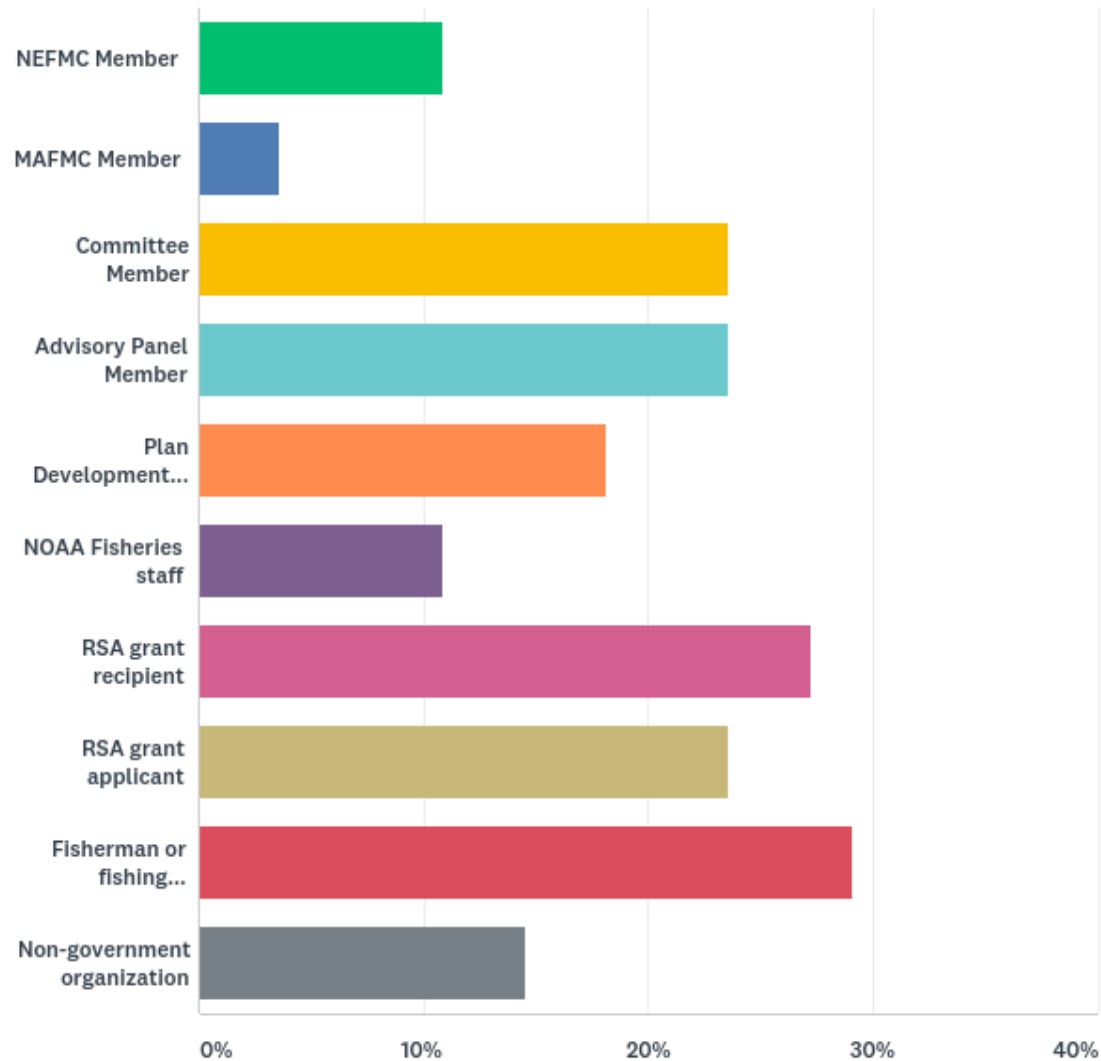
Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

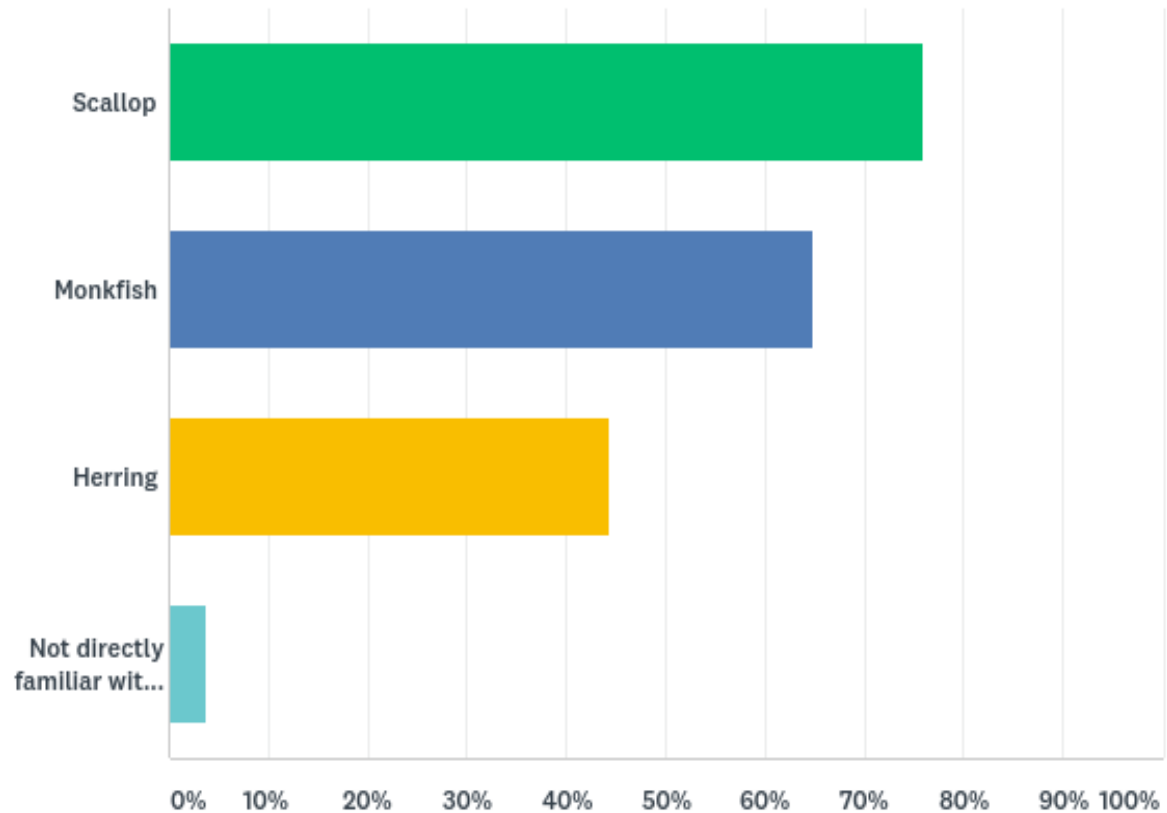
Don't know / unsure

Do you have suggestions to improve the management review process?

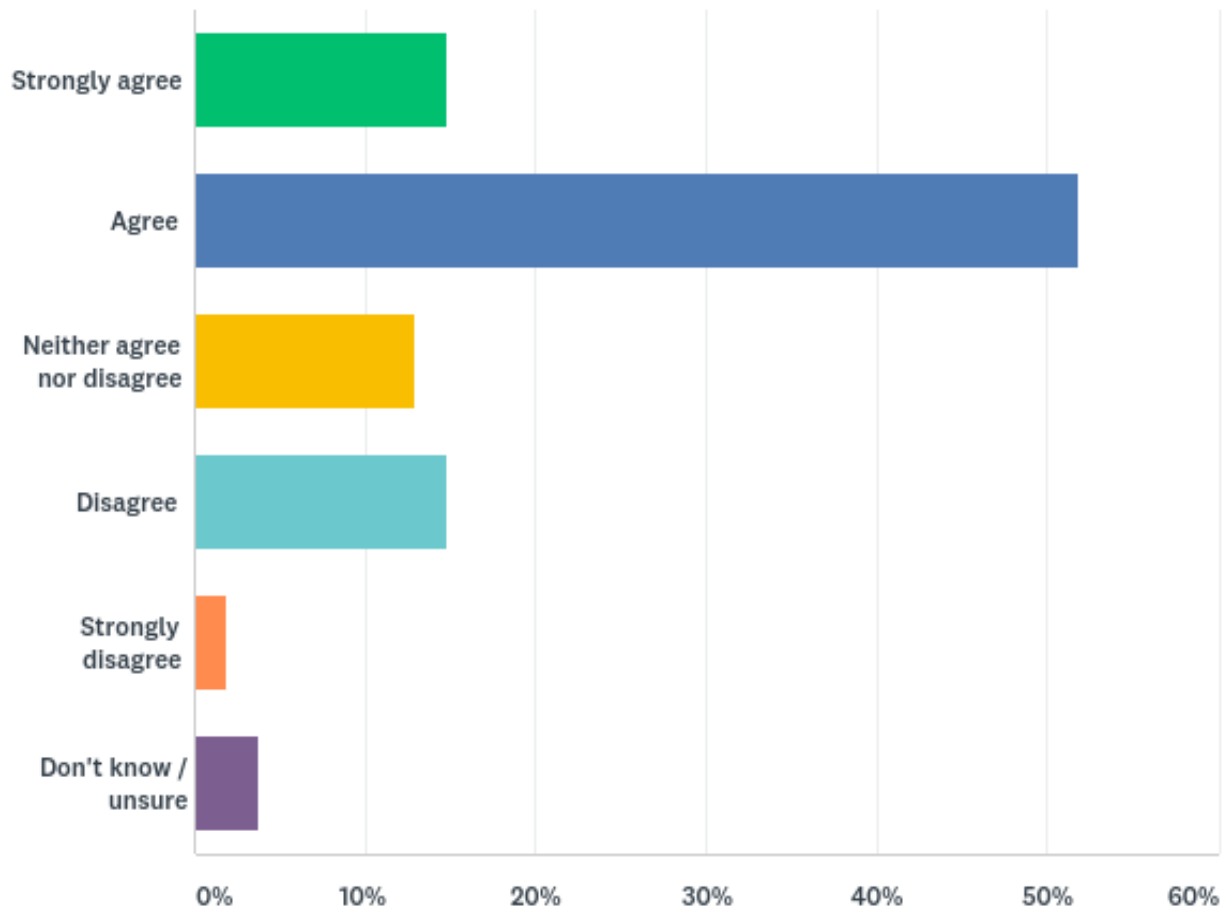
Q1 What is your association with NEFMC and/or the RSA programs? Check all that apply



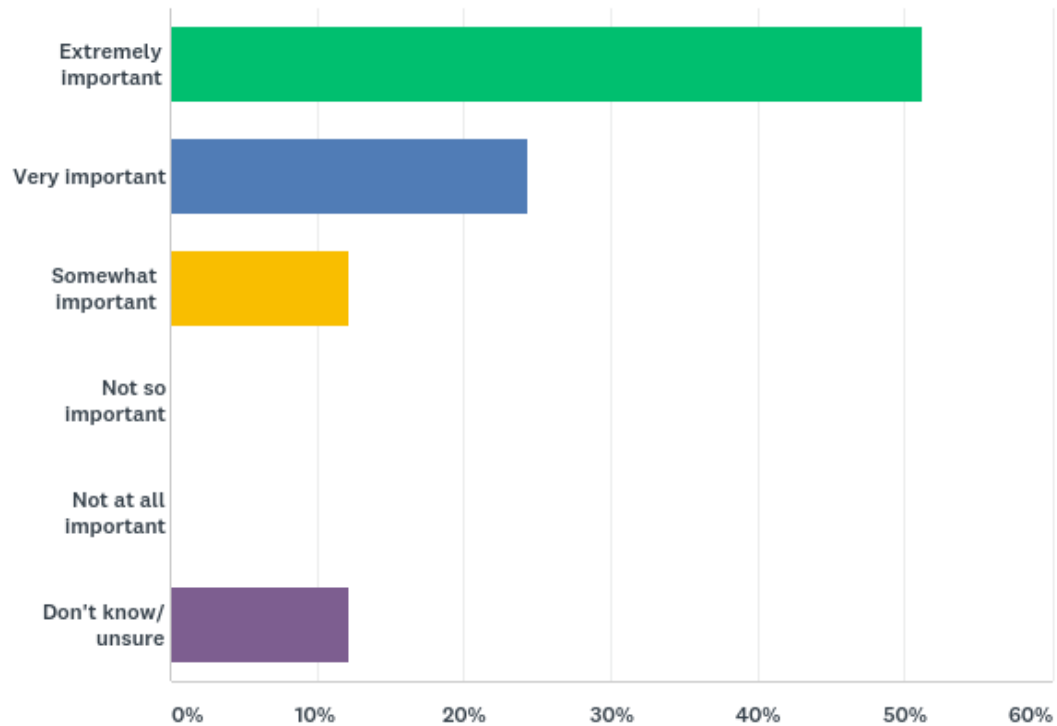
Q2 Which NEFMC RSA programs are you familiar with? Check all that apply.



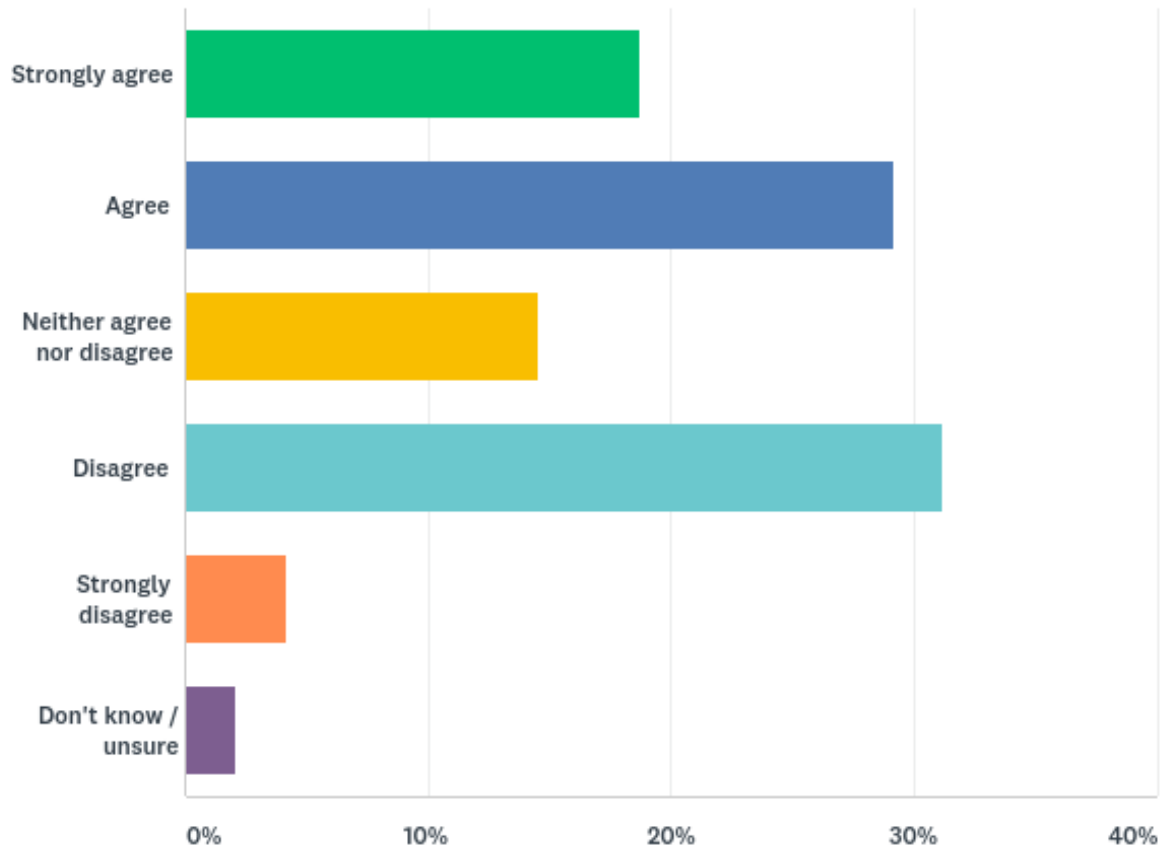
Q4 RSA programs effectively meet their intended purpose and role.



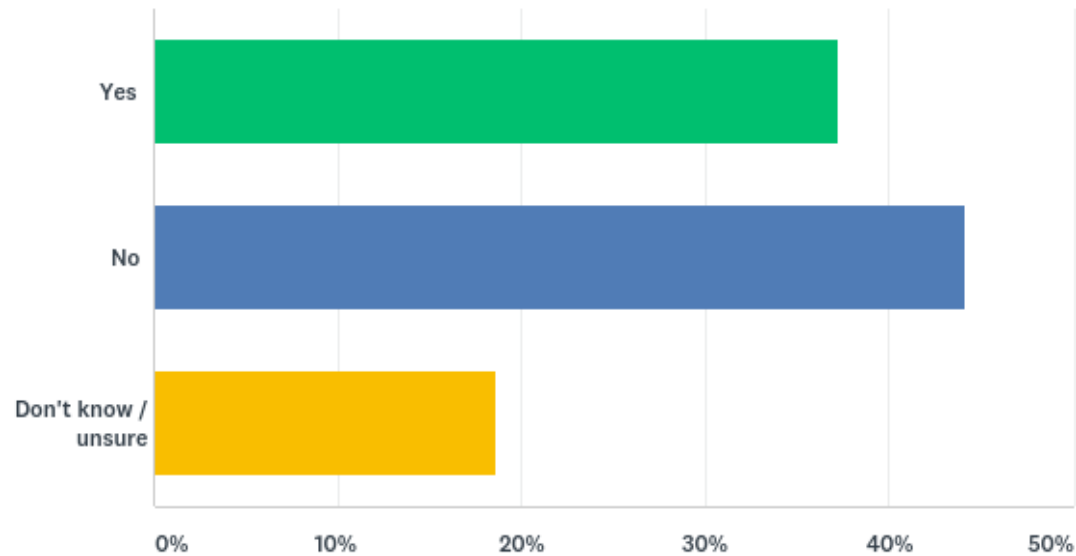
Q38 What is the importance of the scallop RSA program in terms of supporting management and enhancing overall scallop research?



Q9 You have sufficient opportunity for input as priorities are developed.



Q20 Do you have any concerns related to conflicts of interest in technical reviews or management reviews?



Next steps

- Webex next week to plan review of survey results and plan interviews.
- Schedule and conduct interviews.
- Complete drafting of report (except findings and recommendations).
- Members draft candidate findings and recommendations (F&R).
- Meeting to **seek** consensus on F&R.
- Seek legal advice if appropriate.
- Complete report.