

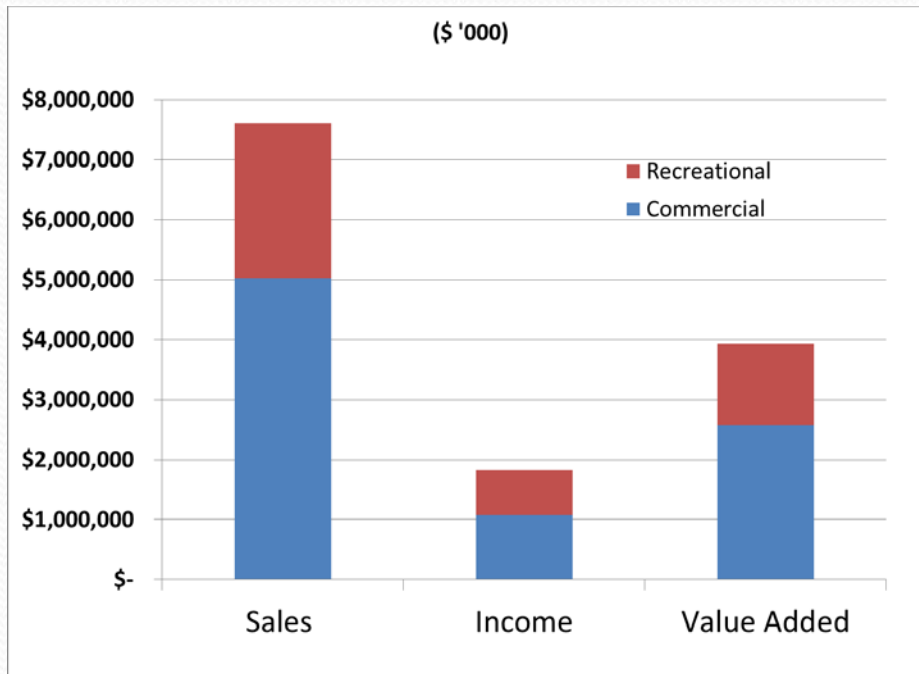
Addressing Recreational Management Issues

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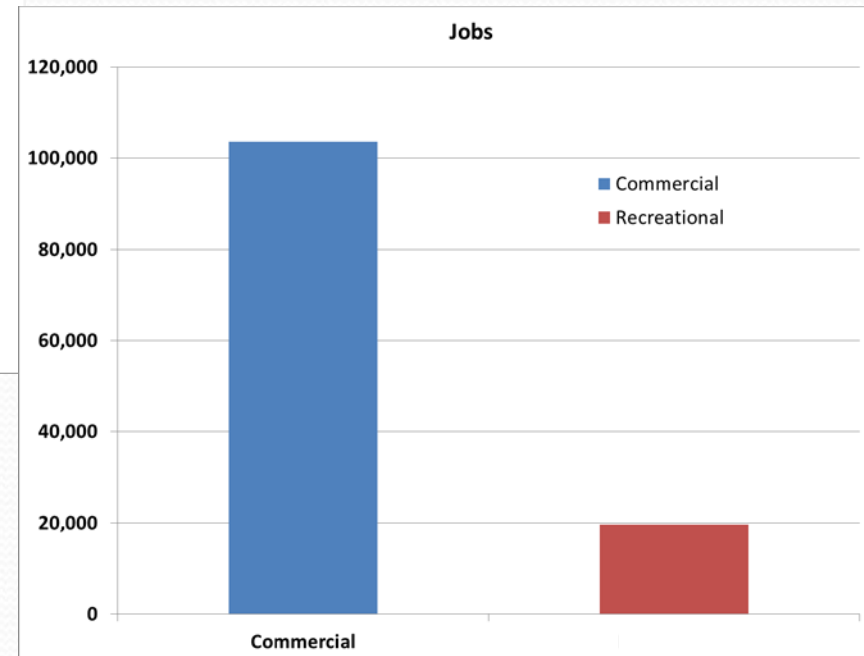
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Economic Impacts of Fishing



New England Region



National Marine Fisheries Service. 2018. Fisheries Economics of the United States, 2016. U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA Tech. Memo. NMFS-F/SPO-187, 243 p

- Recreational interests are a low priority to the Council.

Program Review Stakeholder Report

- “These significant recreational fishing interests deserve greater support from the Council.”

NEFMC Program Review Panel Report

Council Approved Priorities

- 2010 – 2014: None
- 2015 – Revise recreational management measures process
- 2016 – Recreational management measures process; P/C Limited Entry Amendment
- 2017 – Recreational management measures process
- 2018 – Scope P/C limited entry; new allocation; input on new ways to manage
- 2019 – Allocation issues; listening sessions on possible P/C limited entry

Concern categories?

- Specific measures for GOM cod, GOM haddock, and other groundfish stocks.
- Doubt that MRIP estimates accurately reflect recreational removals
- Broader recreational management issues.
- General fishery management issues

Discussion

- Should there be designated recreational assignments for some Committees and APs?
- Would a task-specific Committee be appropriate for some recreational priorities?
- Other ideas?

Questions and Discussion



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