

Striped Bass Advisory Panel Meeting



January 28, 2014



Striped Bass Stock Status



Stock Status:



The striped bass stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring according to the ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Benchmark Assessment, 2013



Female SSB = 128 million lbs, just above the threshold SSB = 127 million lbs, and below the target SSB = 159 million lbs

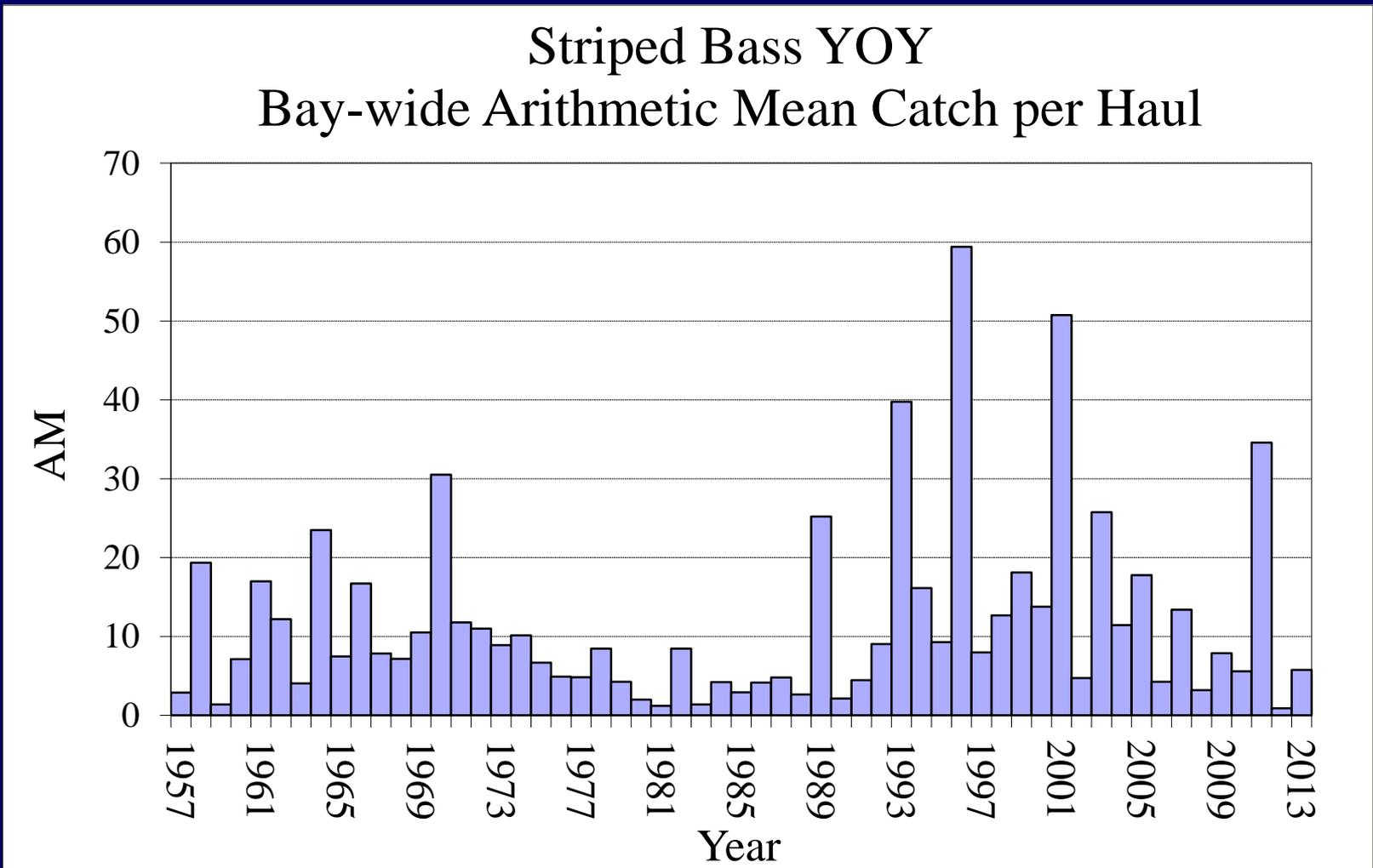


Fishing mortality estimated to be 0.20, a value between the proposed new fishing mortality threshold (0.219) and fishing mortality target (0.18)



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YOY Index



Source: MD DNR



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 **Stock Status:**

 **Current F (0.20) maintained 2013-2017, high probability until 2015-2016 that:**

$SSB < SSB \text{ threshold}$

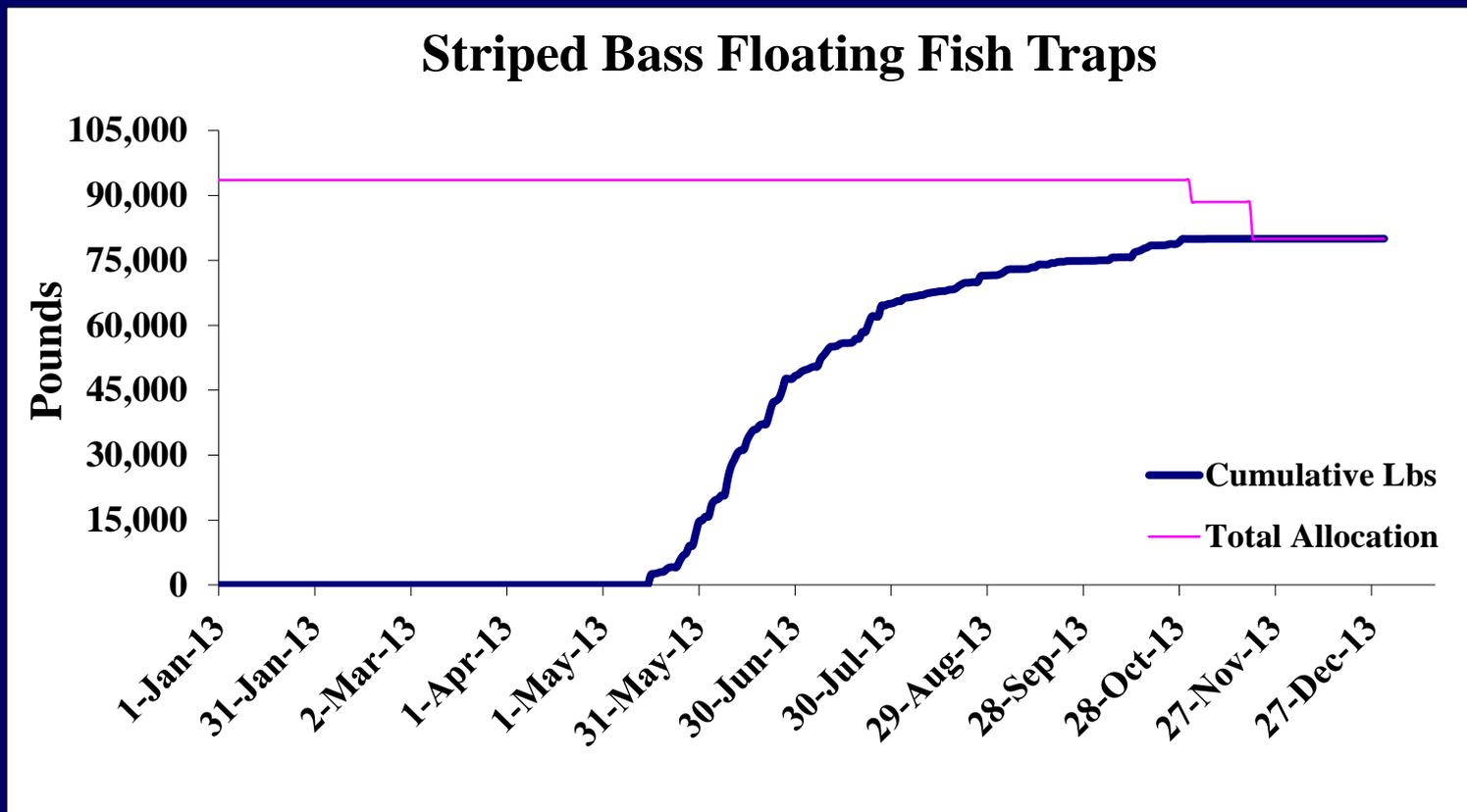


stock overfished



Review of 2013 Fishery

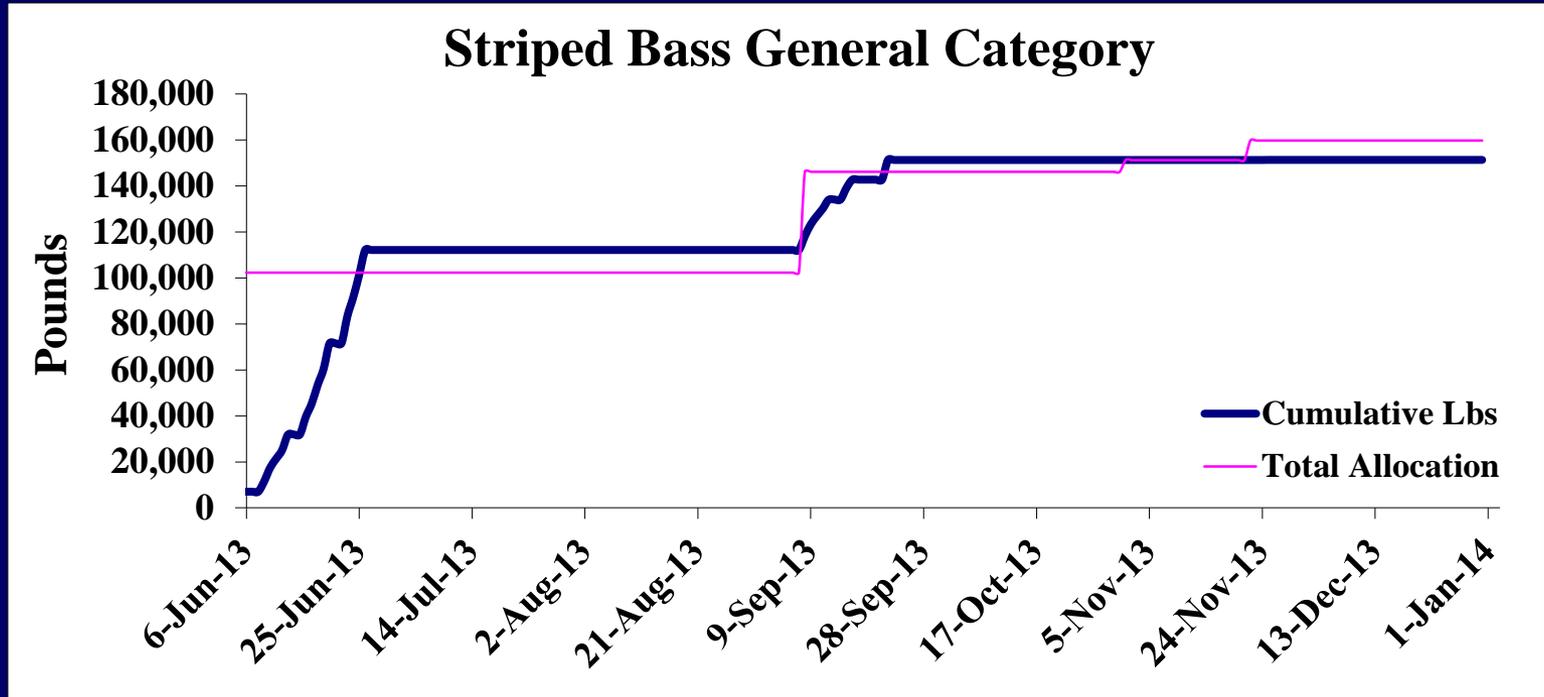
Commercial — Floating Fish Trap



Period	2013 Quota Allocation	Rollover 1	Rollover 2	Total Landings
Jan 1 - Dec 31	93,586	5,078	8,512	79,996

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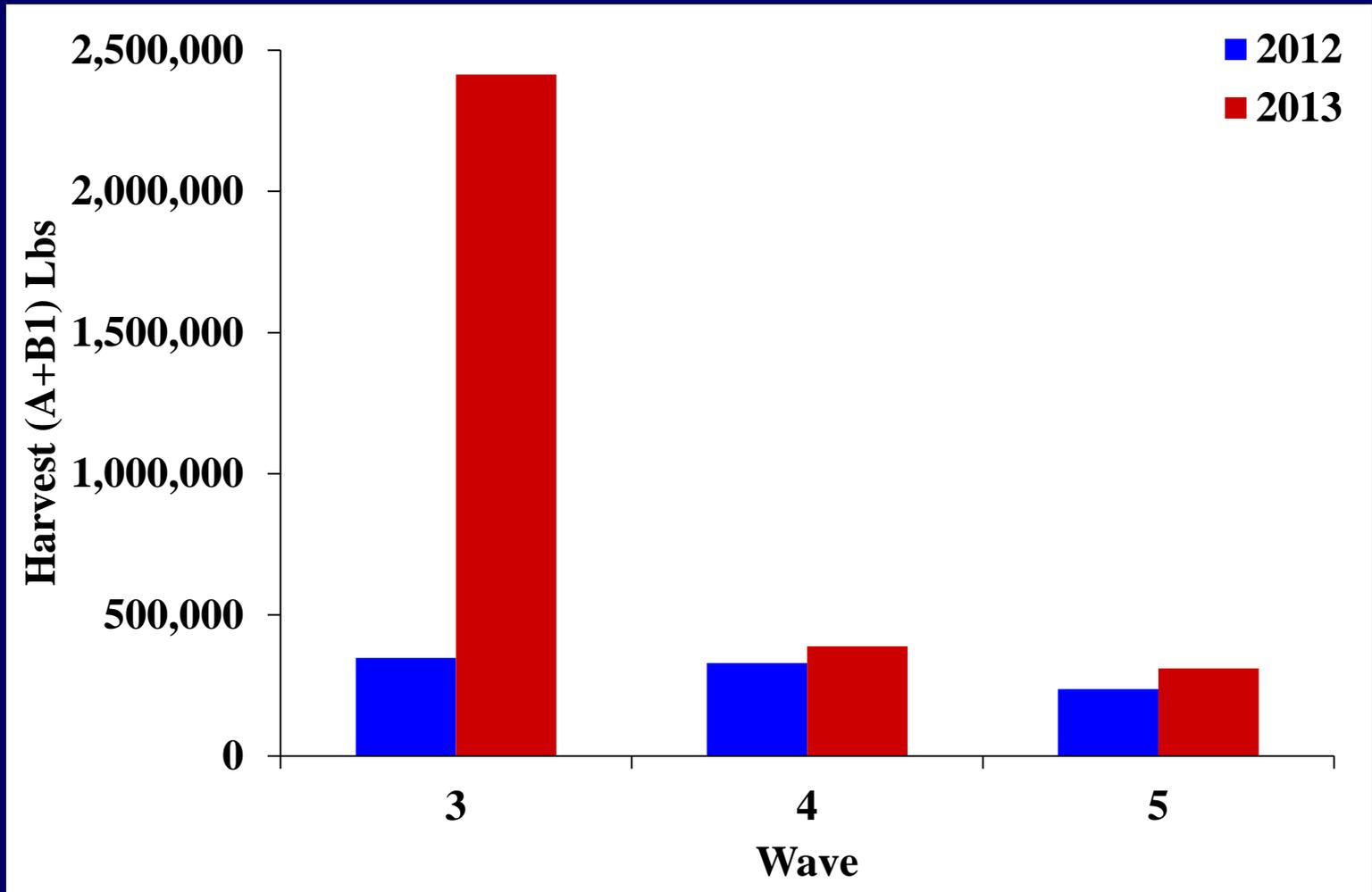
Commercial - General Category



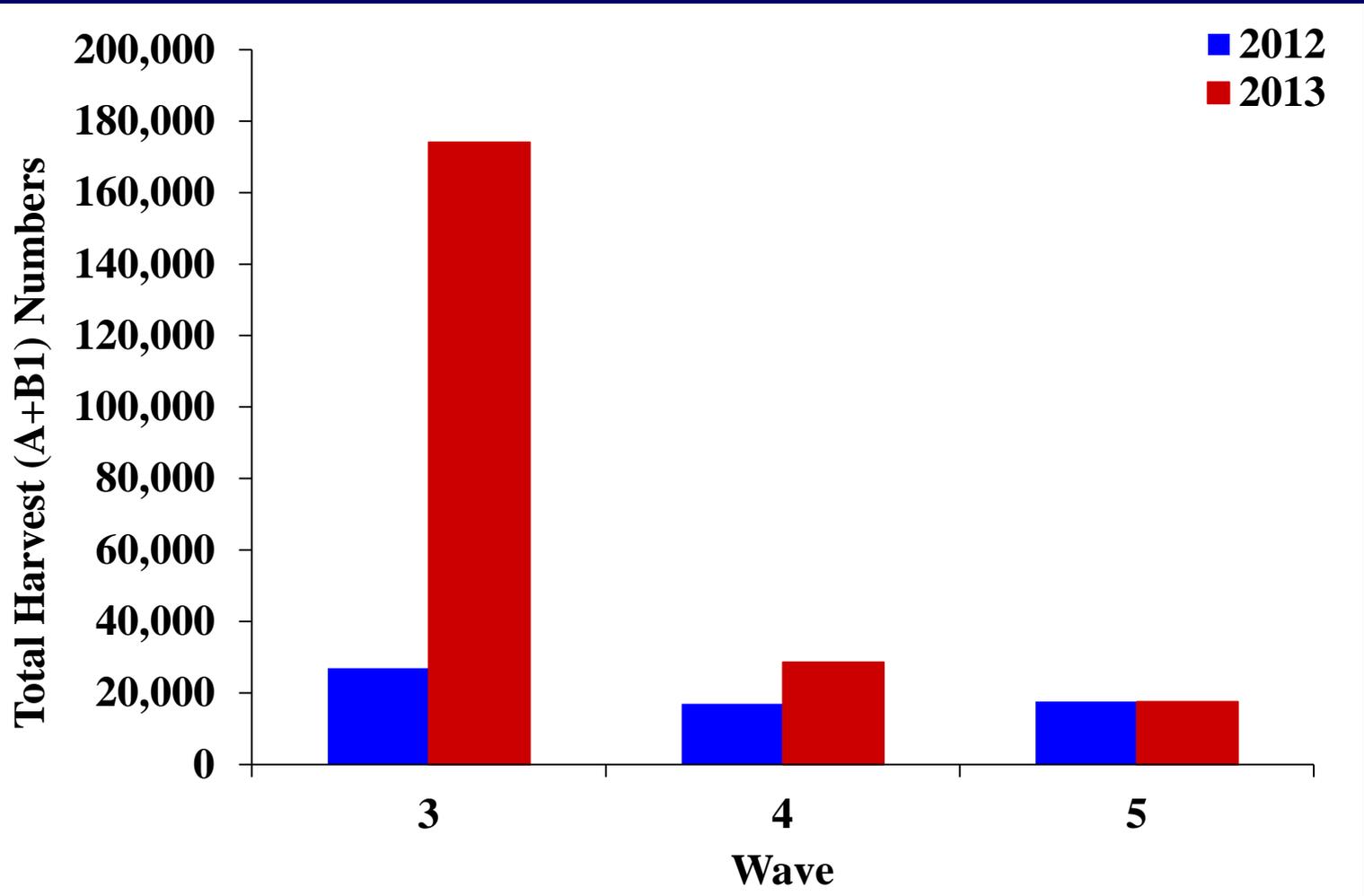
Period	2013 Allocation	Landings	Period Adjustment/ Rollover	Remaining
June 6 – Aug 31	102,275	112,101		-9,826
Sep 8 – Dec 31	43,832	39,183	3,764	8,413
2013 Total	146,107	148,042		



Review of 2013 Fishery Preliminary Recreational Landings (MRIP)



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2014 Fish Trap Commercial Seasons and Quota Allocation

-  **The Division proposes the following changes for 2014:**
 -  **Change the season from January 1 – December 31 to April 1 – December 31**
 -  **Provide the Division the authority to move any remaining floating fish trap allocation to the general category beginning on October 15**

-  **The Division recommends maintaining the 26” minimum size (TL)**



2014 General Category Commercial Seasons and Quota Allocation

 **The Division does not propose any changes for 2014**
 **2013 management:**

 **34" minimum size (TL)**

 **January 1 – June 5: CLOSED**

 **June 6 – Aug. 31:**

 **70% of quota**

 **5 fish/person/day**

 **CLOSED Friday and Saturday throughout**

 **Sept. 8 – Dec. 31:**

 **30% of quota**

 **5 fish/person/day**

 **CLOSED Friday and Saturday throughout**



Discussion of Recreational Striped Bass Fishery

 **The division does not propose any changes for 2014**

 **2013 management:**

 **28'' minimum size (TL)**

 **2 fish/person/day possession limit**



Discussion on Ban of Yo-yo Rigs

-  In 2013 AP voted to send issue to RIMFC for further discussion including mortality issues and enforcement capabilities
-  The RIMFC decided to wait for the 2013 ASMFC benchmark assessment to be completed and use that report as a foundation for further exploration of the issue
-  Currently ASMFC is developing draft addendum in response to the benchmark assessment that:
 -  Propose the adoption of new F reference points
 -  Propose a range of management options to reduce F to at least Target F

