

Tautog Technical Committee
September 13, 2005
Radisson Airport Hotel
Warwick, Rhode Island

Attendance:

Paul Caruso (MA)

Harry Hornick (MD)

Peter Himchak (NJ)

Jason McNamee (RI)

Joe Cimino (VA)

Richard Wong (DE)

Lydia Munger (ASMFC)

Alice Weber (Chair) was unable to attend the meeting, so Jason McNamee (Vice-Chair) acted as chair in her absence.

Jason began by discussing the agenda, which was to review the draft document. Paul discussed why the document and appendices are arranged the way they are arranged. The Committee agreed that the way the document is set up is the best way. Jason's summary for RI can be removed from the document. The Virginia reports should both stay in the report.

RI report – Jason will talk to Mark Gibson about the F in the BDM report, comparing two different types of F estimates. The Committee noted that the peer review panel will flag that issue.

Paul put the main document up on the screen so everyone could review it. Paul noted that the document is missing the section “Did you meet the TOR” – does the committee want it? The Committee pointed out that it's the peer review committee's job to determine whether the TOR were met, and it's unnecessary to put it in there.

Paul proceeded to move through the document with the group.

Comments:

Mention lack of MRFSS coverage in Wave 1 under recreational biases

Add Rich Wong to the references (DNREC)

For MRFSS, PSE standard to define as “poor” within the ASMFC realm is generally 20%

Font size: Arial 11 (change the appendices to match)

Harry noted that he has some MD information for the MD state report and the MD state summary

Editorial corrections made throughout the document

Rich's questions about the maturity inputs – this was discussed and the Committee was satisfied with the answer – the information came from Chenowith (sp?)

For Section 8.2, Rich noted that he could do the Fmed (F that ensures median recruitment over a time series) if Paul gave him the SSBpr analysis and the SR analysis information...would give another reference point. Rich will email Paul with exactly what he needs to do this.

For Section 8.3, Rich would like to see $F_{0.1}$ added – Paul will do this and add some language explaining it.

Pete had comments about the fact that landings and sometimes F trends are on the increase in states that did not take reductions in 2003 under Addendum III. The language summarizing these trends was discussed and it was noted that how this is handled is ultimately a management decision, not a decision for the TC.

Paul noted that this information should and will be updated as soon as the 2005 data are available.

Everyone is comfortable with Paul's summaries of the state reports. Harry noted that he will send Paul some additional information for that section.

Alice wants Paul to put in the Stock Status of the NY summary why relative exploitation wasn't done for NY – because of the geographic constraints, also because the survey is only age 0 and 1

Comments on appendices:

Paul will send new MA and new NY to me to put in

Jason will re-check his one more time too

Paul will mail copies of the VPA output files to Joe and Rich

Comments on PowerPoint presentation:

Discard mortality rate – reference is Simpson and Gates 1999 (need to be added to references)

Add commercial discard mortality estimates to the research recommendations in the document

Rich will get the Flint reference to Paul Caruso on Thursday, 9/15

Comments from Deb that were not discussed at the meeting:

Sec 1.3, pg 6, 3rd paragraph, last sentence:

Seems like the word "quantitative" should be "qualitative"

Sec 5.2.5, pg 13:

Table 4 does not seem to indicate "sample source". Should the reference actually be Table 2 for age sample sizes and source and Table 4 for length samples?

Sec 5.2.9, pg 14:

Again, should indicate what the "assumed low discard mortality rate" is, especially since it is not specified in sec 5.2.7.

Sec 6.2.1.2, pg 18:

I'm just not up to speed on the terminology; could you explain what "F oldest calculation" is? It seems to be an F of fully recruited fish rather than 'oldest'...?

Sec 9.3.3, pg 24:

Typo in beginning of second paragraph, should start "Trawl Survey age data exhibit a truncated age structure over time." -or something similar

Sec 12.0 Tables, Table 4:

Sorry, don't understand notation "mt/100 lengths". Is this shorthand for "number measured (thousands)"?