



Draft 2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan

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2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan Working Group

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- Deliberations since Summer Meeting
- October 3 group-wide call
- October 22 final deliberations



Additions to Driving Forces

New Section on Ocean Planning (page 4)

Broadened Protected Resources to include
Marine Mammal Protection Act (page 5)

Changes based on Business Session –
Summer Meeting 2013



Decision Point 1 Values

- Long-term ecological sustainability



Decision Point 2

Performance Measures

Should specific performance measures be included throughout the Plan?

- Goal 1: rebuilding progress (page 6)
- Goal 2: frequency of benchmark stock assessments (page 6)
- Goal 5: expanded outreach (page 8)



Decision Point 3

Goal 1 – More Fish, More Benefits

- “...healthy and vibrant resources mean more jobs and more opportunity for those that live along the coast.”
- Suggested to be stricken by Work Group member based on observations that we have high biomass of certain species that are still under restrictive management and have not yielded more jobs and opportunities.



Decision Point 4

Goal 1 – Rebuilding vs End Overfishing

- “In the next five years, the Commission is committed to making significant progress on rebuilding overfished or depleted Atlantic fish stocks and promoting the sustainable harvest of and access to rebuilt fisheries.”

OR

- “In the next five years, the Commission is committed to ending overfishing and working to rebuild overfished or depleted Atlantic fish stocks and promoting the sustainable harvest of and access to rebuilt fisheries.”



Decision Point 5

Goal 3 – Stakeholder Compliance

Options for Goal 3 (page 7) include:

- Ensure stakeholder compliance with interstate fishery management plans through effective law enforcement

OR

- Ensure stakeholder adherence to interstate fishery management programs through effective law enforcement

OR

- Promote compliance with fishery management plans to ensure sustainable use of Atlantic coast fisheries



Proposed Timeline

- Approve for public Comment – 2013 Annual Meeting
- Public Comment – Winter 2013, 2014
- Final Adoption – 2014 Winter Meeting