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# Tautog Draft Addendum I to Amendment 1 for Board Review

August 4, 2026

- Overview and Timeline
- Review Draft Options
  - NY lobster possession limit in LIS and NJ-NYB
  - Proposed management measures in response to 2025 assessment
    - NJ-NYB (NY and NJ separate options)
    - DMV (combined options)
  - Commercial harvest tagging program
- **Board action for consideration today:**
  - **Consider approval of Draft Addendum I for public comment**

- Coly Ares (RI)
- Kelli Mosca (CT)
- Rachel Sysak (NY)
- Tyler Harris (NJ)
- Ben Wasserman (DE)
- Shakira Goffe (VA)
- James Boyle (ASMFC)

# Draft Addendum I Timeline

| Date                         | Action                                                                                              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October 2025                 | Tautog Board Tasks Staff to Develop Draft Addendum I                                                |
| November 2025<br>– July 2026 | Staff Develops Draft Addendum I for Board Review                                                    |
| <b>August 2026</b>           | <b>Tautog Board Reviews Draft Addendum I and Considers Its Approval for Public Comment</b>          |
| August– October<br>2026      | Board Solicits Public Comment and States Conduct Public Hearings                                    |
| November 2026                | Board Reviews Public Comment, Selects Management Options and Considers Final Approval of Addendum I |
| TBD                          | Provisions of Addendum I are Implemented                                                            |

## 3.1 NY Lobster Possession Limit

| Option                                      | Minimum Size | Possession Limit<br>(number of fish/vessel/day)                                                       | Open Season                                                           | Estimated Change in Harvest                                  |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Status Quo                               | 15"          | 25 (except, 10 per vessel when fishing lobster pot gear and more than six lobsters are in possession) | LIS: May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 23<br><br>NJ-NYB:<br>Apr 16 – Jan 25 | No change                                                    |
| B. Remove Lobster Pot Gear Possession Limit | 15"          | <u>25</u>                                                                                             | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 23<br><br>NJ-NYB:<br>Apr 16 – Jan 25      | +5% LIS commercial harvest<br><br>Negligible for NJ-NY Bight |

- 3.2.1 New Jersey and 3.2.2 New York separate measures

| NJ-NYB Region |                                           |                                            |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Target Year   | Probability of<br>Achieving $F$<br>Target | Percent Reduction<br>in Removals<br>Needed |
| 2030          | 50%                                       | 40%                                        |

| Option | Minimum Size | Open Season                                      | Possession Limit | % Harvest Reduction |
|--------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| B.     | 15"          | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -40.12%             |
|        |              | April 1- April 30                                | <u>3</u>         |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Aug 1 - Nov 15 (closed)</u></b>            | <u>0</u>         |                     |
|        |              | Nov 16 - Dec 31                                  | 5                |                     |
| C.     | <u>16"</u>   | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -40.89%             |
|        |              | <b><u>April 1- April 30 (15 day closure)</u></b> | 4                |                     |
|        |              | Aug 1 - Nov 15                                   | 1                |                     |
|        |              | Nov 16 - Dec 31                                  | 5                |                     |
| D.     | <u>16"</u>   | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -40.55%             |
|        |              | April 1- April 30                                | <u>2</u>         |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Aug 1 - Nov 15 (50 day closure)</u></b>    | 1                |                     |
|        |              | Nov 16 - Dec 31                                  | <u>4</u>         |                     |
| E.     | <u>16"</u>   | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -40.31%             |
|        |              | April 1- April 30                                | 4                |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Aug 1 - Nov 15 (60 day closure)</u></b>    | 1                |                     |
|        |              | Nov 16 - Dec 31                                  | <u>4</u>         |                     |
| F.     | <u>17"</u>   | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -41.04%             |
|        |              | April 1- April 30                                | 4                |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Aug 1- Nov 15 (40 day closure)</u></b>     | 1                |                     |
|        |              | Nov 16 - Dec 31                                  | 5                |                     |
| G.     | 15"          | Jan 1- Feb 28                                    | 4                | -41.25%             |
|        |              | April 1- April 30                                | <u>2</u>         |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Aug 1- Nov 15 (77 day closure)</u></b>     | 1                |                     |
|        |              | <b><u>Nov 16 - Dec 31 (15 day closure)</u></b>   | <u>2</u>         |                     |

## 3.2.2 New York

| Option | Recreational |                                         |                                            |             | Commercial                         |          |             | Total Reduction |
|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|
|        | Minimum Size | Possession Limit<br>(Current Limit = 4) | Fall Season Closure<br>(Oct 15-<br>Dec 22) | % Reduction | Open Season<br>(Apr 16-<br>Jan 25) | Closure  | % Reduction |                 |
| B.     | 16"          | 2                                       | 20 days                                    | 40.4%       | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 15     | 125 days | 39.4%       | 40.1%           |
| C.     | 16"          | 2                                       | 21 days                                    | 41.5%       | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 19     | 121 days | 36.4%       | 40.0%           |
| D.     | 16"          | 2                                       | 22 days                                    | 42.6%       | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 23     | 117 days | 34.1%       | 40.1%           |
| E.     | <u>17"</u>   | 2                                       | 10 days                                    | 46.9%       | May 1 – Jul 8, Sep 1 – Dec 31      | 69 days  | 23.5%       | 40.1%           |
| F.     | <u>17"</u>   | 3                                       | 12 days                                    | 40.4%       | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 15     | 125 days | 39.4%       | 40.1%           |
| G.     | <u>17"</u>   | 3                                       | 14 days                                    | 42.4%       | May 7 – Jul 31, Sep 1 – Nov 23     | 117 days | 34.1%       | 40.0%           |



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## 3.3 DMV Proposed Measures

| DMV Region  |                        |                                          |                                      |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Target Year | Probability Definition | Probability of Achieving <i>F</i> Target | Percent Reduction in Removals Needed |
| 2030        | FMP Minimum            | 50%*                                     | 0%                                   |

## 3.3 DMV Proposed Measures

| Option                                       | State | Minimum Size | Possession Limit | Open Season                     | State Change   | Regional Change |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. Status Quo                                | DE    | 16"          | 4                | Jan 1-May 15                    | 0%             | 0%              |
|                                              |       |              |                  | Jul 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | MD    |              | 4                | Jan 1-May 15                    | 0%             |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 2                | Jul 1-Oct 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 4                | Nov 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | VA    |              | 4                | Jan 1-May 15                    | 0%             |                 |
| Jul 1-Dec 31                                 |       |              |                  |                                 |                |                 |
| B1. Shorten Jan 1 - May 15 season by 15 days | DE    | 16"          | 4                | <b><u>B.1 Jan 1-Apr 30</u></b>  | -0.6% to -0.9% | -1.7% to -2.0%  |
|                                              |       |              |                  | Jul 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | MD    |              | 4                | B.1 Jan 1-Apr 30                | -0.8% to -1.0% |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 2                | Jul 1-Oct 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 4                | Nov 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | VA    |              | 4                | B.1 Jan 1-Apr 30                | -3.7% to -4.1% |                 |
| Jul 1-Dec 31                                 |       |              |                  |                                 |                |                 |
| B2. Shorten Jan 1 - May 15 season by 15 days | DE    | 16"          | 4                | <b><u>B.2 Jan 16-May 15</u></b> | -0.6% to -0.9% | -1.7% to -2.0%  |
|                                              |       |              |                  | Jul 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | MD    |              | 4                | B.2 Jan 16-May 15               | -0.8% to -1.0% |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 2                | Jul 1-Oct 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              |       |              | 4                | Nov 1-Dec 31                    |                |                 |
|                                              | VA    |              | 4                | B.2 Jan 16-May 15               | -3.7% to -4.1% |                 |
| Jul 1-Dec 31                                 |       |              |                  |                                 |                |                 |

## 3.3 DMV Proposed Measures

| Option                               | State                                   | Minimum Size                                        |                 | Possession Limit            | Open Season      | State Change     | Regional Change |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| C. Shorten season in July by 15 days | DE                                      | 16"                                                 | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -4.0% to -5.8%   | -2.7% to -4.0%   |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     |                 | Jul 16-Dec 31               |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      | MD                                      |                                                     | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -1.7% to -3.6%   |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     | 2               | <b><u>Jul 16-Oct 31</u></b> |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     | 4               | Nov 1-Dec 31                |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      | VA                                      |                                                     | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -1.5% to -1.6%   |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     |                 | Jul 16-Dec 31               |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      | D. Raise MD bag to 4 in July 1 - Oct 31 |                                                     | DE              | <u>4</u>                    | Jan 1-May 15     |                  | 0%              |
| Jul 1-Dec 31                         |                                         |                                                     |                 |                             |                  |                  |                 |
| MD                                   |                                         | Jan 1-May 15                                        | +3.4% to +21.9% |                             |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         | Jul 1-Dec 31                                        |                 |                             |                  |                  |                 |
| VA                                   |                                         | Jan 1-May 15                                        | 0%              |                             |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         | Jul 1-Dec 31                                        |                 |                             |                  |                  |                 |
| E. Trophy Bag                        | DE                                      | <b><u>16"</u><br/>(max 1 fish &gt; Trophy Size)</b> | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -0.00% to -0.01% | -0.00% to -0.01% |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     | Jul 16-Dec 31   |                             |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      | MD                                      |                                                     | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -0.00% to -0.03% |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     | 2               | Jul 16-Oct 31               |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      |                                         |                                                     | 4               | Nov 1-Dec 31                |                  |                  |                 |
|                                      | VA                                      |                                                     | 4               | Jan 1-May 15                | -0.00%           |                  |                 |
| Jul 16-Dec 31                        |                                         |                                                     |                 |                             |                  |                  |                 |

## 3.4 Tagging Program

Option A. Status Quo. All states must use the same single-use tag.

Option B. Alternative tag can be approved through Board Action (i.e., Management Document Not Required). A state can request permission to implement an alternative commercial tag, either to replace or in conjunction with the current tag, if the state can show to the Board's satisfaction that the alternative tag will meet the objectives of the Commercial Harvest Tagging Program in Section 4.4.1 of Amendment 1. States may submit alternative region/state proposals following the procedures outlined in the Commission's Conservation Equivalency Policy and Technical Guidance Document.



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# Risk and Uncertainty Policy Revised Board Weightings

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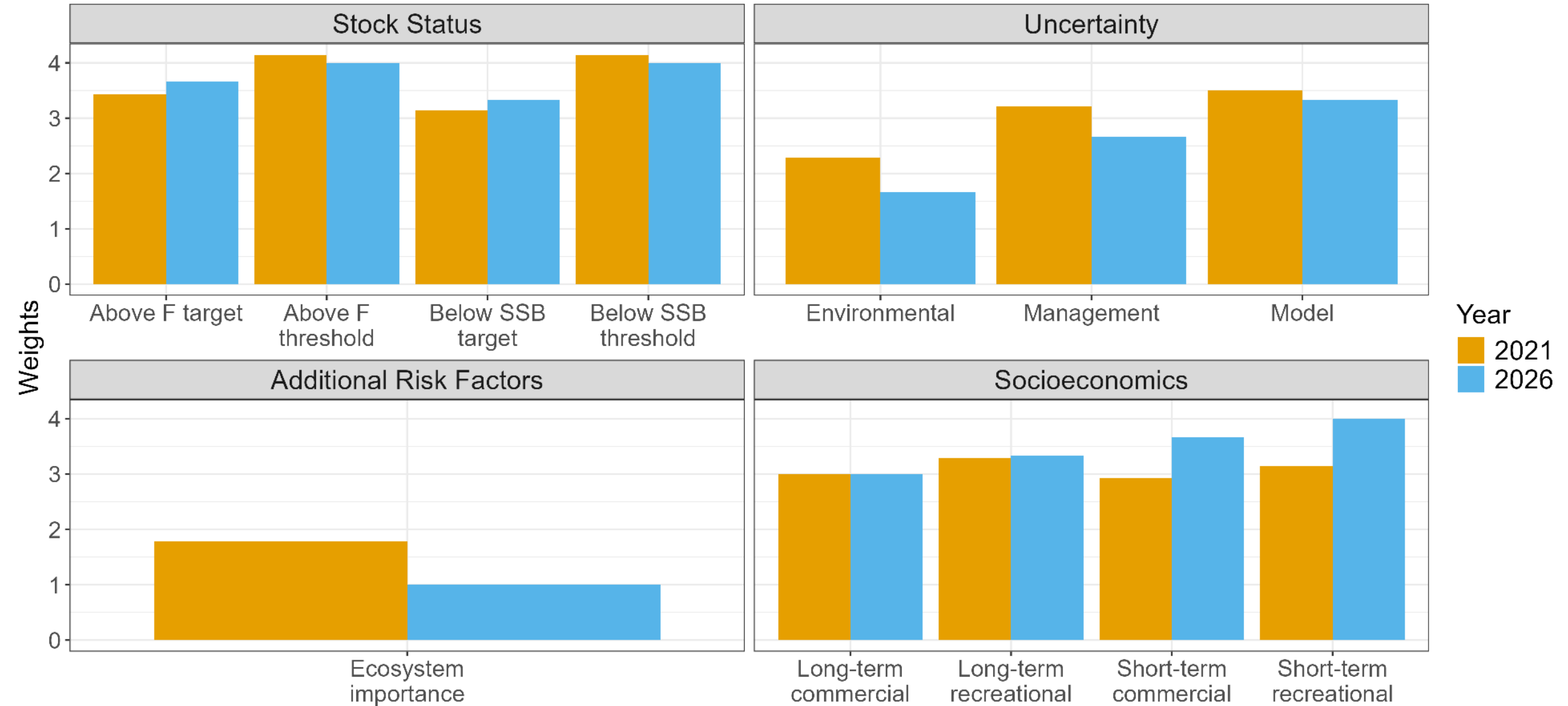
- For May 2026 Board Meeting, TC and CESS applied the Commission's Risk and Uncertainty Tool to the DMV and NJ-NYB region
- Board elected use the FMP-mandated 50% probability of achieving the F target for the Addendum, but wanted to take the next step in the R&U process of allowing the Board to adjust the weightings and socioeconomic scores

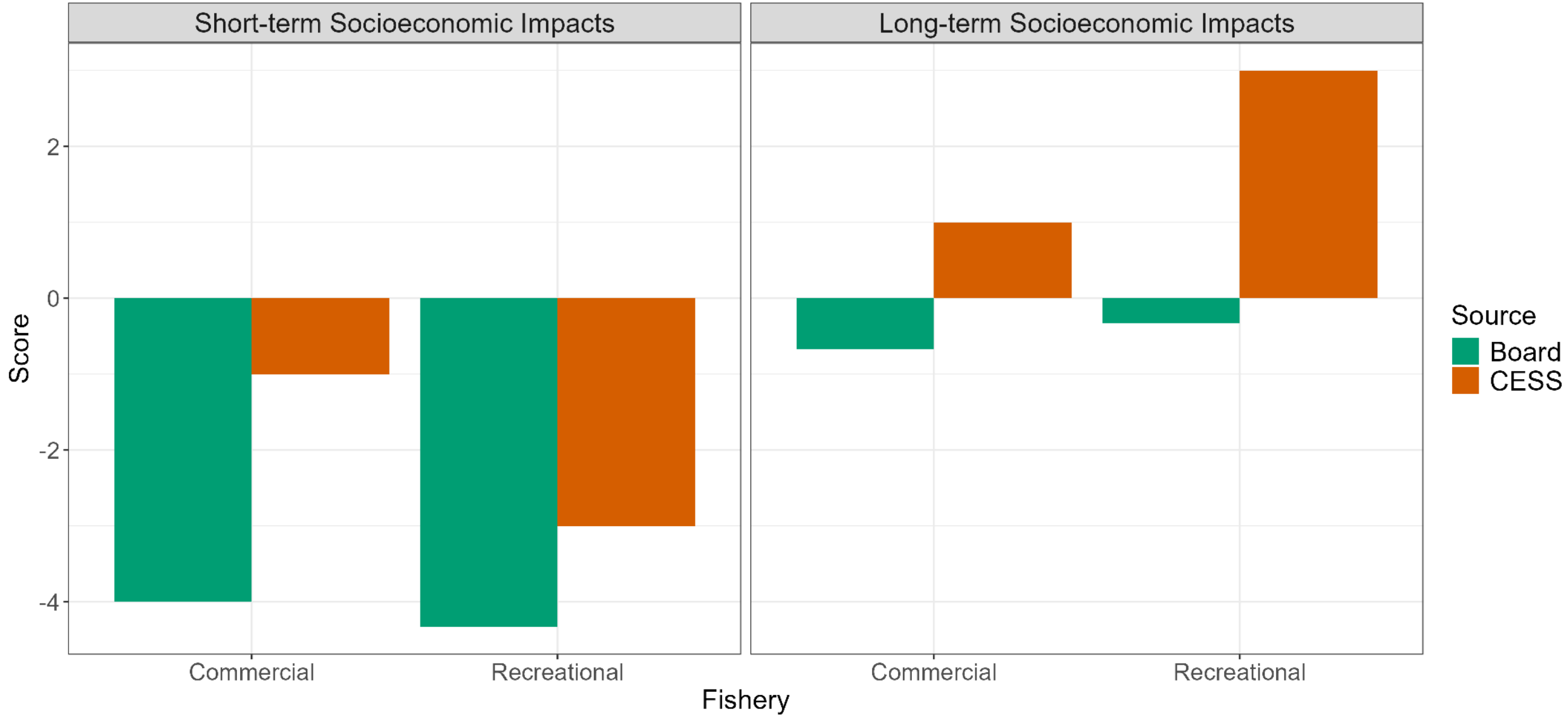
- Commissioners were sent an online survey about how to weight the components of the R&U tool
  - Stock status
  - Uncertainty factors
    - Model uncertainty
    - Management uncertainty
    - Environmental uncertainty
  - Additional risk factors
    - Ecosystem importance

} Scored by TC/SAS

- Socioeconomic considerations } Scored by CESS

- Board also rescored the socioeconomic factors
- 3 responses, all from the NJ-NYB region





| Scenario                                      | Recommended Probability |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| TC/CESS scores + 2021 Board weights           | 64%                     |
| TC/CESS scores + 2026 Board weights           | 63%                     |
| TC scores + 2026 Board weights + Board scores | 58%                     |

- Board could revise weightings and scores at this meeting, based on review of survey and subsequent discussions
- Board could provide feedback to the R&U WG about the Tool itself and the experience of applying it



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