Purpose and Need

• What is a compendium?
  • ‘A brief summary of a larger work or of a field of knowledge.’

• The purpose of the HMS Compendium is to provide the history of and rationale behind existing management measures for Atlantic HMS

• Currently, information on HMS management measures are scattered throughout multiple FMPs, Amendments, and other documents
Objective

• Create a comprehensive reference document which accurately provides the history of existing Atlantic HMS management measures
  • Consolidate information from HMS FMPs/Amendments
  • ‘Living’ document; will be updated periodically
  • Note: The document would not be a substitute for the regulations nor would it describe how to comply with the regulations
Brief Background

• The HMS Compendium was introduced at the Spring 2013 Advisory Panel Meeting
• Reintroduced at the Fall 2015 Advisory Panel Meeting
Organization of the document

• Introduction
  • History of HMS, history of management objectives, and history of HMS management process

• Stock status and status determination criteria
  • HMS stock status determination criteria
  • stock status working groups (e.g., Shark Evaluation Workshops, Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review Process, and ICCAT Standing Committee on Research and Statistics)

• Management History of HMS Fisheries
  • Overall history of HMS fisheries by species/complex
  • Details the major FMPs/Amendments
Organization of the document

• Commercial management measures by species
  • Quotas, retention limits, seasons, possession at sea and landing, restrictions on sale and purchase

• Recreational management measures by species
  • Quotas, retention limits, seasons, possession at sea and landing, restrictions on sale and purchase

• Charter/Headboat management measures by species
Organization of the document

- Gear type by descriptions and specific management measures
- Dealers
- Tournaments
- International considerations
- Miscellaneous
What this document is Not

- It does **not** include any new management measures
- It is **not** a compliance guide
- It does **not** contain certain FMP requirements
  - NEPA analyses
  - Tables (landings, etc.)
  - Community profiles
  - RIR, IRFA/FRFA
What is in the HMS Compendium

• Compilation of information based on actions published in the Federal Register between 1975-2018

• Language in the HMS Compendium can be found in
  • Federal Register notice(s)
  • FMPs/Amendments
Examples of HMS Compendium Information

• Miscellaneous Section
  • Operations Team and Advisory Panel
  • With the implementation of the 1993 Shark FMP (58 FR 21889, April 26, 1993), NMFS created the Operations Team
    • Composed of members from the five Regional Fishery Management Councils, NMFS management and scientific management personnel, and the ICCAT Advisory Committee to monitor the shark fishery and FMP and recommend regulatory adjustments for implementation by the Assistant Administrator
  • With the 1999 FMP the Operations Team was dissolved
Examples of HMS Compendium Information

• Miscellaneous Section Cont.
  • In 1997, the HMS and Billfish Advisory Panels (AP) were created, as requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act
  • The HMS AP was created to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of the HMS FMP for tunas, swordfish, and sharks, and any subsequent amendments
  • The 2006 Consolidated FMP combined the two panels into a single consolidated HMS AP to advise NMFS on all HMS issues, including billfish
Tentative Timeline and Next Steps

• 2020: Expect to release draft. Solicit AP and public comment on draft

• 2021: Hope to release final compendium, to be updated as needed
Comments or Questions?

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Thank You!