

Information needed to assess Maine's proposal (Expansion of Question #4 on Questions to Consider for Potential Exemption/Trade-Off Handout)

BASELINE

For each area included in proposal:

- (1) Describe the current state and federal regulations in that area (fishery and whale plan)
- (2) Identify the vessel configurations in that area
- (3) For each vessel configuration, identify:
 - a. Number of traps each fishermen fishes
 - b. Number of traps per trawl
 - c. Length of line between each trap
 - d. Number of vertical lines per trawl
 - e. Length of each endline
- (4) For each area, identify the number of fishermen using each of the vessel configurations specified
- (5) Based on the above, for each of the areas (separated by vessel configuration) calculate the following:
 - a. Total length of groundline (we will assume all is floating)
 - b. Total number of vertical lines
 - c. Total length of vertical lines

CONDITIONS AFTER FEDERAL RULE IS EFFECTIVE (without assuming any break up of trawls)

- (6) The totals from 5b and 5c above remain the same, the total from 5a becomes zero for a total reduction of line in the water of 5a

CONDITIONS UNDER THE MAINE PROPOSAL

- (7) Compare the proposed regulations to the current state and federal regulations in each area;
- (8) Identify the vessel configurations in each area under the proposal;
- (9) For each vessel configuration, identify:
 - a. Number of traps each fishermen fishes
 - b. Number of traps per trawl
 - c. Length of line between each trap
 - d. Number of vertical lines per trawl
 - e. Length of each endline
- (10) For each area, identify the number of fishermen using each of the vessel configurations specified
- (11) Based on the above, for each of the areas (separated by vessel configuration) calculate the following:
 - f. Total length of groundline (we will assume all is floating)
 - g. Total number of vertical lines
 - h. Total length of vertical lines

COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

- (1) Baseline compared to conditions after October 5, 2008, under federal rule
 - a. Decrease in groundline in the water column of 5a

- (2) Maine Proposal compared to Baseline
 - a. Change in groundline in the water column of 11f-5a (+ indicates an increase, - indicates a decrease)
 - b. Change in vertical line of 11h-5c (+indicates an increase; - indicates a decrease)
 - c. Overall Change in line in the water of 2a+2b (a positive number indicates an increase of line and a negative number indicates a decrease in line)

- (3) Maine Proposal compared to the Federal Rule
 - a. Increase in groundline in the water column of 11f
 - b. Change in vertical line of 11h-5c (+number indicates an increase; - number indicates a decrease)
 - c. Overall Change in line in the water of 3a+3b (+ number indicates an increase; - number indicates a decrease)