

ADDENDUM TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE
NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
FOR

Information:

Decision:

Recommendation: X

Issue: Total allowable catch levels and distribution for Greenland Halibut in Subarea 0 for 2021 and 2022 fishing seasons.

This addendum contains a summary of the written submissions received from licence holders as a furtherance to the views expressed on the July 23rd teleconference as well as the Department's recommendation to the Board.

Consultation

Stakeholders of the Eastern Arctic Groundfish Stakeholder Advisory Committee were given the opportunity to express their views on the roll-over of Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Subarea (SA) 0 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and the roll-over of allocations for 2021 and 2022 on a teleconference held July 23, 2020. These views are summarized in the *Consultation* section of the Briefing Note (BN) submitted to the Board on August 07, 2020, with a summary of the teleconference meeting located in Appendix 3 of the BN. Stakeholders were also invited to express their views to the Department in writing by August 15th, 2020.

The views expressed in the written submission received from the Nunavut Fisheries Association (NFA) indicated the desire for consideration of a 5% increase in the SA 0 TAC for 2021 and 2022, citing that this increase could provide significant economic benefits to Nunavut fishing enterprises and communities. Regarding the allocation of TAC within Divisions 0A and 0B, NFA recommended a 50/50 split of the 5% increase; and further recommended that Nunavut receive 100% of the split in Division 0A and 90% of the split in Division 0B, with the remaining 10% allocated to Nunavik.

The views expressed in the written submission received from the Atlantic Groundfish Council and Atlantic Fixed-Gear Council (AGC-AFC) supported the advice of the NAFO Scientific Council, advocating for a rollover of the current SA 0 + 1 TAC (i.e. 36,370 t for 2021 and 2022) so as to mitigate the possibility of endangering the sustainability of the fishery and industry's ability to continue to hold Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification. Regarding distribution of the TAC between Divisions 0A and 0B, AGC-AFC indicated the desire for continued distribution at the current levels (SA 0 18,185 t), citing 53 % of the SA0 TAC in 0A and 47 % of the SA 0 TAC in 0B. Regarding quota allocation among fleet sectors within the management units, AGC-AFC advocated for stability of the existing sharing arrangement among participants in both areas.

Recommendation

1) Recommendation on setting the SA0 GHL TAC for 2021 and 2022 and the TAC distribution between Divisions 0A and 0B:

Option 1 (recommended): Accept the NAFO Scientific Council advice and maintain the annual SA 0 TAC for 2021 and 2022 at 18,185 t. Maintain current distributions of TAC between Divisions 0A and 0B at 9,592.5 t and 8,592.5 t respectively.

Option 2: Pursuant to views expressed by stakeholders, increase the annual SA 0 TAC by 5% (909.25 t) for 2021 and 2022 to 19,094 t. Maintain current distributions of TAC between Divisions 0A and 0B and apportion the TAC increase (909.25 t) at 50/50 between Divisions 0A and 0B resulting in 10,047.125 t and 9,050.125 t respectively.

2) Recommendation on the allocation of TAC within Divisions 0A and 0B

Option 1 (recommended): Maintain the current allocations of TAC within Divisions 0A and 0B.

Fishing Area	Fleet/Interest	Allocation (t)
NAFO Division 0A	Nunavut	9,592.5
	Total 0A TAC	9,592.5
NAFO Division 0B	Nunavut	4,283.25
	Nunavik	449.25
	Enterprise Allocation Holders	2,960
	Fixed Gear Competitive	900
	Total 0B TAC	8,592.5

Option 2: Maintain the current allocations of TAC within Divisions 0A and 0B and apportion the TAC increase from Recommendation 1, Option 2, with 100% (454.625 t) of the increase going to Nunavut interests in Division 0A and 90% (409.163 t) of the increase going to Nunavut interests in Division 0B with the remaining 10% (45.463) in Division 0B allocated to Nunavik.

Fishing Area	Fleet/Interest	Allocation (t)
NAFO Division 0A	Nunavut	10,047.125
	Total 0A TAC	10,047.125
NAFO Division 0B	Nunavut	4,692.413
	Nunavik	494.713
	Enterprise Allocation Holders	2,960
	Fixed Gear Competitive	900
	Total 0B TAC	9,501.75

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