

Timeliness of Recreational Catch Data for the New England Fishery Management Council

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NEFMC Rec Data Needs

1. To implement ACLs and AMs
 - GOM cod & GOM haddock
 - Data needed annually by fishing year (May – April) in mid-summer under current fishing year schedule
 - Method for estimating discards would be helpful
 - Wave 1 data needed for SNE
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2. Input into stock assessments

- GOM cod, GOM haddock, GOM winter flounder, pollock, GB cod, GB haddock, SNE/MA winter flounder
- Data needed by March
- Specifications anticipated on a biannual schedule, but Council may initiate unanticipated adjustments

Data Timeliness Issues

- At present, data quality improvement is more important than data timeliness.
- The NEFMC does not have in-season quota management, but it still might benefit from a one-month wave interval for wave 4 in terms of meeting implementation deadlines for ACLs and AMs.