

Key Issues from Comments

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Proposals

- Closures
 - Will result in more risk around closure area. Create a wall of gear.
 - Some support for closures.
 - Disagreement about relocation vs removal assumptions made for analysis.
- Some support for NMFS proposal in waters off Maine.
- Some support for DMR #2 proposal.
- Frustration that NMFS accepted additional proposals after January meeting.
- Some opposition to additional state exemptions

Safety

- Requiring certain number of endlines or trawl lengths will pose safety issue.
- Potential for lost gear.
- Small scale vessels could be in jeopardy.

Use of Model

- Request for sensitivity analysis of model
- Requests for revision of model to fix areas with SPUE as zero.
- Conduct peer review of model.
- Team chose to use co-occurrence. Should continue to pick management areas based on this.

Target

- Need a target.
- Can't support strategy if no goal is outlined.

Gear Marking

- Importance of strong gear marking program

Additional Ideas

- Delay timeline to review reasons for differences between IEc model and model presented by MLA/WHOI/NEAq.
- Maintain timeline but examine MLA/WHOI/NEAq model.
- Desire for NMFS to analyze additional combinations of proposals or new trawl up scenarios
- Limit number of vertical lines in an area but allow flexibility
- Suggestion for stronger measures in Southeast region in addition to what was proposed at Jan. meeting.