

2017 Council Priority

Atlantic Halibut Management

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Council's Recent Interest in Atlantic Halibut

Assessment: no accepted stock assessment

Stock Status: overfished but overfishing is unknown
(also considered a *Species of Concern*)

Monitoring: discard mortality assumed to be 100%

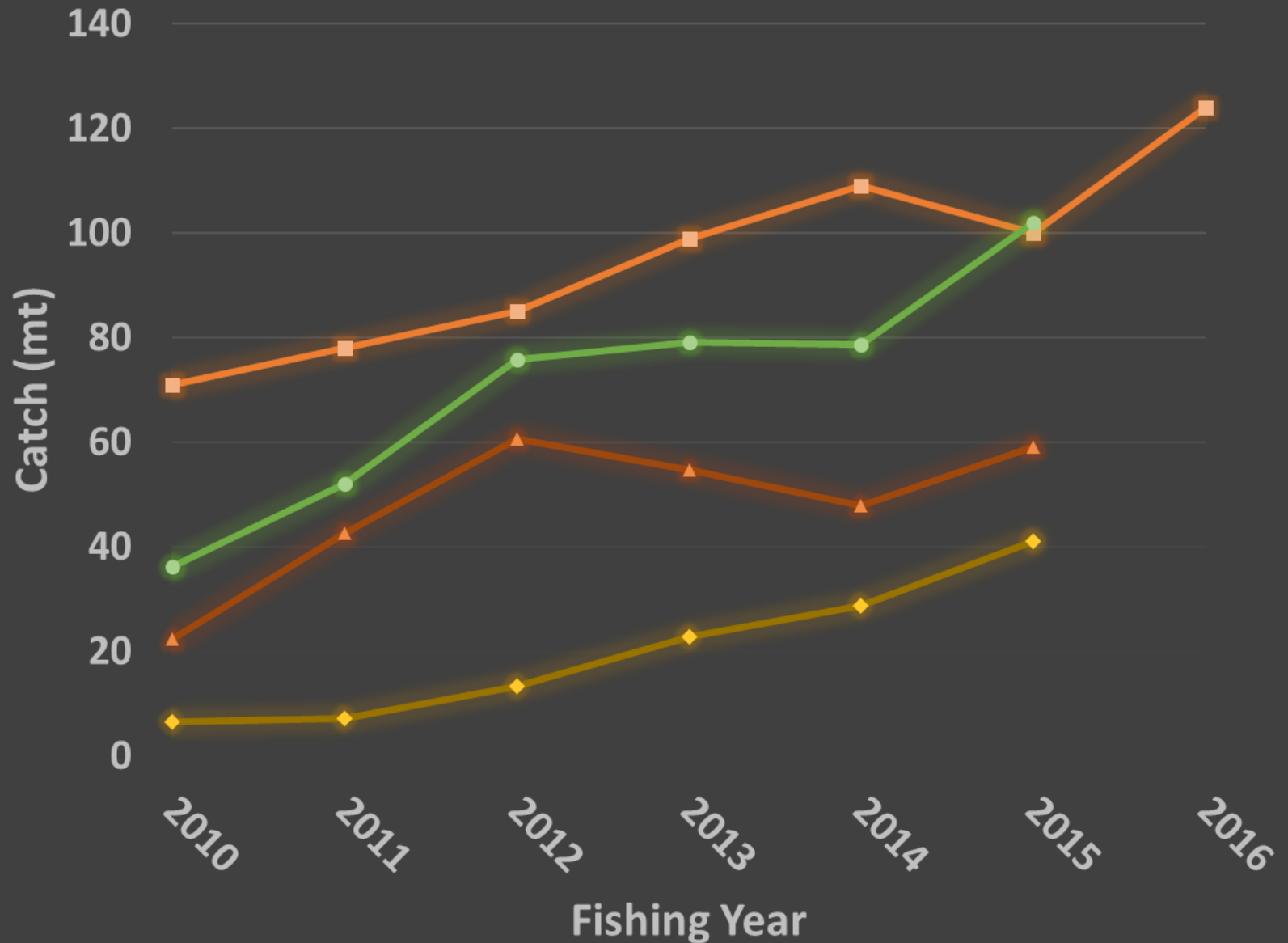
Catches: recent catches nearly triggering federal commercial groundfish fishery accountability measures

Economic Impacts: if implemented, accountability measures may have a \$6.5 million negative impact on the federal commercial groundfish fishery



Atlantic Halibut Catches

Quota Total Federal Groundfish Fishery State Waters



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Possible changes:

Recommending
FY2018-FY2020
specifications

Examining the
distribution of the
quota

Revising the
accountability
measures



40 lb halibut (*Hippoglossus hippoglossus*) caught during 2009 monkfish survey cruise.
Credit: Anne Richards, NEFSC/NOAA