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# DE MINIMIS FISHERY CONCEPT

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# De Minimis Fishery Context

- Focus on Northern California Recreational Red Abalone Fishery
- Maximize fishing opportunities while ensure recovery and long-term productivity of the stock
- Engage stakeholders in cost effective and reliable data collection
- Optimize economic support to local communities

# De Minimis Considerations

**Need to re-evaluate potential measures based on draft management strategy –**

- Size Limit
- Daily Bag Limit
- Individual Take Limits (ITL)
- Area
- Season Timing, Length, or Number of Days
- Special Conditions: Data Collection, Reporting
- Compliance/Enforcement

# Example One – Biological Fishery

- TAC likely to be 100 or less
- Could be implemented very early during stock recovery to collect biological data using fishermen
- Limited in number of opportunities and scope
- Would require all animals be sampled by the Department to collect data, but retained by fishermen

# Example Two – Fishing Zone Re-Entry

- TAC to be determined
- Fishing Zone must have good environmental and stock conditions that could allow a limited opportunity
- Opportunity scaled to ensure no significant impact to recovery (De Minimis considerations)
- Could be tailored to serve a specific stakeholder group – for example rock-picker fishery centered around low tides

# Example Three – Recovered or Near Recovered

- Once the Fishing Zone has reached recovery standards, open access with a liberal TAC would be established
- What to do with Marin, Humboldt, and Del Norte?

# Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

- Random Draw
  - Everyone has equal chance every year (Wildlife Area Hunts)
- Preference Points
  - Those who have waited the longest get preference (Big Game Draw)
- Pay to Play
  - Those who are willing to pay more get preference (You name it)

# Allocation: Options To Distribute Opportunities

- Allocation scheme needs to provide opportunities for all user groups – recreational fishermen, Tribes and Tribal Communities
- If allocations are made for specific user groups, should be based on an objective and fair basis (demand)



# Questions & Discussion

- Clarifying Questions
- Management Measures Discussion
  - Size Limit (strategy considers 7" size limit)
  - Daily and Individual Limits
  - Area
  - Other (season timing, length, or number of days; data collection and reporting, compliance/enforcement, etc.)
- Allocation Discussion