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Attachments: Table 4a.doc

Attached is table from Amendment 14/27, which includes numerous bag limit and closed season combinations for a 16" minimum size limit. To constrain harvest to the recreational TAC of 2.45 mp, at least a 45 percent reduction in harvest is needed. The attached table does not include the 1.9 percent reduction associated with a zero captain and crew bag limit.

If compatible regulations are in effect and the season is shifted to an earlier start date, the following seasons would be possible for a 2-fish bag limit and 16" size limit.

1. Apr 21 to mid/late July (at least 86 day season, likely would be slightly longer, but I haven't run the analysis for this particular scenario)
2. May 1- July 31 (at least 92 days, likely would be 99 day season and extend through Aug 7 given that May 1-July 31 season achieves a 47 percent reduction without including the zero capt/crew bag limit reduction)
3. May 15-Aug 31 (108 days)
4. June 1-Sept 30 (122 days - existing season)

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