Cary-over rules

Results of a discussion
with Mark Dickey-Collas

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What are they?

- Rule to provide some flexibility in exhaustion of the TAC/quota

Options:

- Banking rule: allow 10% of unused quota to be transferred to the next year
- Borrowing rule: allow 10% ‘overshoot’ of quota, to be subtracted from the quota of the next year
- Combination: allow both of the above

Reasons for having them?

- Allow for some flexibility to fishermen in managing their catches

This will:

- Reduce the necessity to finish quota and thus reduce the risk to unintended TAC overshoot

State of play

Currently, such a rule is in place for all major stocks of the P-RAC, except for

- Mackerel

These are all POLITICAL agreements however, not tested by ICES, and not incorporated into the LTM plans. Never has such a rule been incorporated into a long term management plan

State of play

The Pelagic RAC has asked the EC to task ICES to investigate the possibility to incorporate these in ltmp’s

Why ask for this?

Once tested by ICES and built into an mp, a solid basis is in place to keep the rule.

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A discussion with Mark Dickey-Collas and a simple simulation exercise lead to the following conclusion:

- Before implementation, it is important to discuss what you want (rule 1, 2 or 3)
- The rule is likely not to add to much extra ‘noise’ to the system. This is obviously minimised when is opted for a ‘one-sided’ rule (not 3)

Make a recommendation to the EC to ask ICES to run simulations? E.g. for the mackerel plan?