

Timeline

To Be Developed - Timeline for HS. is 2026. ^{sometime in} DDG has explained delays may occur.

We need to make sure grey mackerel AND Spanish mackerel are included in the harvest strategy and that it will be complete before the FIP ends.

Compared with the 'now outdated' East Coast harvest strategy how will the Gulf Harvest strategy differ? e.g. will there be a protected species component, habitat/ ecosystem component? quota and TACC? Harvest control rules?

Still in early development, however the HS process is governed by a policy.

We can use the East Coast harvest strategy to predict what FIP action items will be covered, but I imagine the Gulf harvest strategy will now look quite different to the east coast strategy which now has to be replaced.

Harvest strategy policy

Can we ensure independent review of the harvest strategy (draft or final) and that all reports are made available to industry?

1) → Harvest strategy will have input by W.G and go out to public consultation. This is important to ensure the harvest strategy is actually achieving the goals it intends to and we meet the MSC criteria. It is a MSC recommendation that harvest strategies undergo independent review. No QLD Harvest Strategy has been independently reviewed.

An update on the biological monitoring program for Grey Mackerel, when can we see a stock assessment?. Are they receiving the necessary data and information, can this be made available to industry- what gaps can industry help fulfil. Also we want access to our own data so that if we need to get an independent assessment we can.

The preliminary expectation is for a 2027 stock assessment. Biological data has commenced this year with limited NT data and ready to know it's going to take until 2027ish to get a stock assessment out of fisheries but it would be nice to put some pressure on them to deliver this sooner if possible. The monitoring program and stock assessment is also a critical aspect of the harvest strategy would benefit from more input. We could do a data-rich assessment but would need high quality data (eg. EC BSEF).

With the harvest strategy- what will the protected species management side of things look like? What is going to be invested into research to ensure that TEPS populations in the Gulf are strong/stable. PSMS will be developed in the W.G process, for example the East Coast SWS was designed to allow fisheries & EQ to work together. I think we could also do our own protected species management strategy if the fisheries one is not... we also will have TEPS data whereas they won't so our strategy will probably be better.

Will there be specific management objectives for each subcomponent of GoCIF e.g. N12, N3, etc. For instance, will the TEPS management objectives and subsequent strategy be different for the N12 fishery compared to the N3 fishery.

Could be considered during the harvest strategy development process. Nothing determined yet. I would ideally like to differentiate activities in the N12 fishery from N3 (as the risks and goals are separate). The benefit of this is we could use it to argue for ecological risk assessments for the N12 fishery separate to the N3 component. The workplan also states that each fishery component (N12, N3) has its own catch objectives.