

Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

### Evaluation of Harvest Control Rules for North Atlantic albacore

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• The performance of any HCR should be explored by simulation (MSE)

how well could NA ALB fishery perform if we had perfect knowledge and control



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As many as required quantities....

#### Pareto frontiers for this "simulated fishery"

- If we had absolute control and knowledge of the system, we could not achieve better probability of being in the green zone for a given level of catch than that determined by the trajectory.
- The trajectory shows the best we can achieve for a system that is described by the Base OM.



#### Fisheries management and assessment are not perfect

They rely on "imperfect" observations, SA models which "simplify" fishery dynamics and have implementation errors etc...



#### 4) Management Procedure

TRP, LRP, HCR and K2SM



MP components:

3) HCR

5) **Simulation testing:** how the "simulated reality" would evolve when driven by the MP used?



5) Simulation testing: Do HCRs achieve management objectives? bad good

bad

Trade off 1:

**Catch vs Sustainability** 



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The list of performance indicators can be expanded at request.

## Acknowledgments



**Catch vs Safety** 



**Industrial Stability** 



#### Summary of indicators

	B/Bmsy	F/Fmsy	red	yellow	green	ovFishd	ovFshng	pLRP	catch 2040	catch5	catch10	a a vCa tch	aavF
HCR1	1.36	0.65	0.26	0.10	0.64	0.28	0.34	0.87	15.61	19.85	10.39	0.12	0.15
HCR2	1.36	0.67	0.09	0.06	0.86	0.11	0.12	0.99	28.52	21.10	11.12	0.05	0.07
HCR2	1.30	0.74	0.25	0.09	0.67	0.26	0.32	0.90	19.77	18.96	10.13	0.09	0.13

		2013 SA		LONG TERM		
	MSY(SA)	SA(2014-2016)	1-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	2020-2040
HCR1	31.68	28	20.60	29.65	33.20	24.32
HCR2	31.68	28	24.40	27.37	29.06	29.39
HCR3	31.68	28	25.60	31.49	32.19	26.18







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