

Sector Management in New England Fisheries: An Overview

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The aim of this presentation is to provide an introduction to the sector management scheme currently being employed in New England fisheries by broadly answering several key questions: 1) what are sectors?, 2) what led to the development of this management scheme in New England?, 3) how are they being implemented?, 4) what have been the effects since implementation?, and 5) what are some areas of concern/contention?. Following a brief description of the history of fisheries management in New England and the key factors underlying the shift to sector management, the presentation outlines the rules and regulations applied to sectors and how they are being employed. A brief summary of the effects since implementation and some highlights of emerging trends then follows. Finally, some areas of concern and contention are summarized, with a look towards the expansion and evolution of the sector program. The last slides outlines several potential areas of future research.