

Summary of CPS Workshop I, February 2010



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Discussions about rights-based management during the 2010 workshop focused almost exclusively on catch share programs, which were not unanimously embraced by industry participants in the workshop. While many participants in the 2010 workshop acknowledged the potential for improved economic efficiency if the fishery transitioned to a rights-based or catch share management approach, many expressed concerns about community implications and whether such an approach would be flexible enough to account for regional differences within the fishery. These concerns served as the basis for this follow-on workshop in 2012, which explored a range of options available under a broader RBM approach.

Concerns raised about catch share programs during the 2010 workshop included:

- controversy over initial allocations, particularly around equity across the regions of the fishery;
- time requirements for design and implementation;
- the ability to adequately assess community impacts;
- the impacts to small landings operations and niche markets;
- deterrence to new entrants;
- access to adequate stock assessment information; and
- the effects of stock fluctuations on share values.

The 2010 workshop proceedings report is available at:

swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/fmd/cps/2010-cs-workshop-proceedings.htm

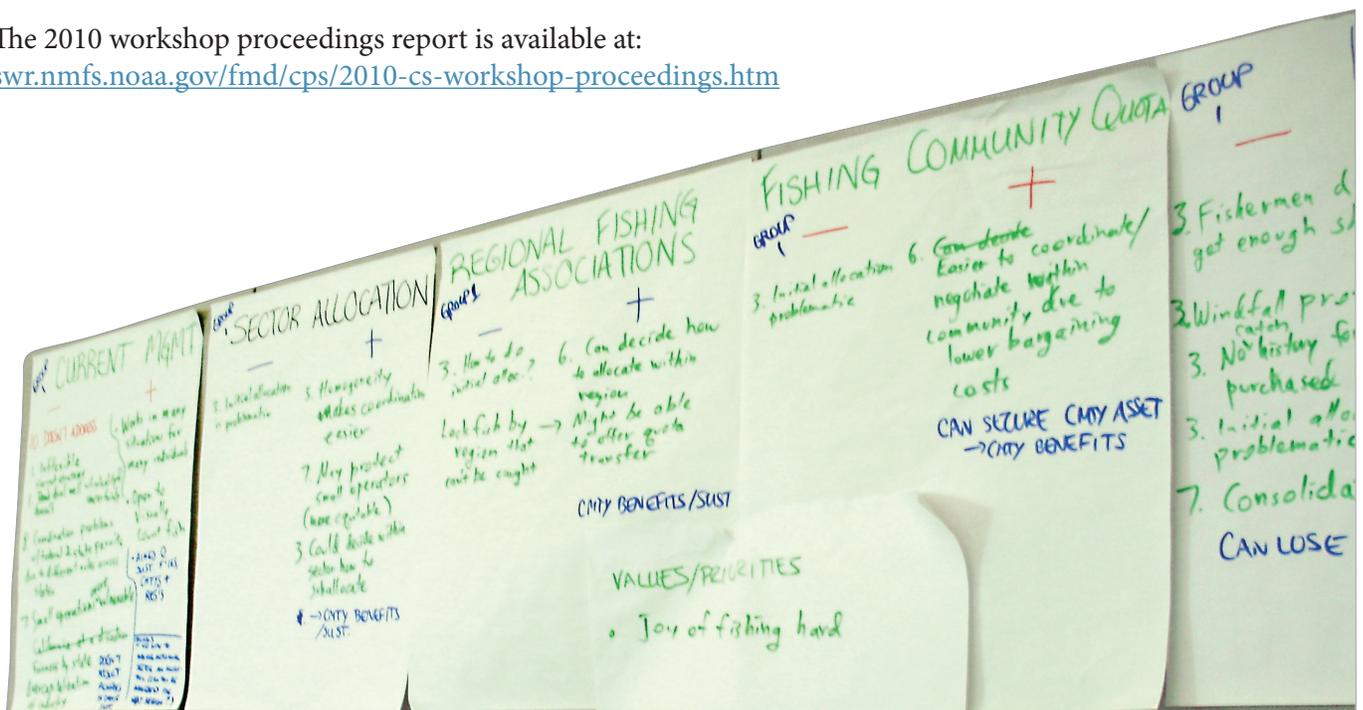


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