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GOA Octopus Summary 2016

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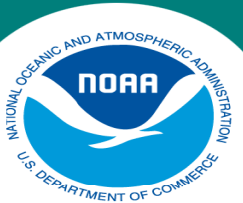


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- Off-year assessment – no new survey data, no change to OFL/ABC
- Uses RE model from survey biomass and conservative literature M
- Reminder – 2015 survey biomass was very high – over 12,000 t.
- 2016 catch rate lower than in previous years (about 1/3).

- Recommended 2017/2018 ABC & OFL:
 - OFL 6,504 t (same as last year)
 - ABC 4,878 t (same as last year)

- Appendix: summary of recent research, including discard mortality.



GOA Octopus: 2015 Survey Biomass 'Way Up

