

Table 7-2. Total allowable catch (TAC) adjustment decision table using established criteria. Adjustments to the TAC are from the baseline of 400,000 abalone per year or from revised TAC baselines (Sections 7.1.2.2 and 7.1.2.3)*.

CRITERIA					ACTION
Recruitment		Density (ab/ha) – emergent surveys			
		Refuge (deep)		All depths	
Yes	AND	More than 4,100	AND	More than 8,300	1) Increase TAC by 25% (to maximum of 500,000 ab/yr or 125% of revised TAC)
NA		3,300	AND	6,600	2) Maintain TAC (400,000 ab/yr or revised TAC)
No	AND	Less than 2,500	OR	Less than 5,000	3) Reduce TAC by 25% increments
NA		NA		Less than 3,000 at all surveyed index sites combined	4) Close fishery until stocks are recovered according to recovery criteria AND enough data are collected to shift to long-term management plan
NA		More than 3,300	AND	More than 6,600	5) If recovery criteria are also met, reopen closed fishery under long-term management plan

* The specific density targets in this table are based upon the best available data at the time of adoption and may be changed without full plan amendment pursuant to Section 4.4.1.

Note: A closed fishery will not be opened unless recovery criteria are met.

NA = Not applicable