RECORD OF MAJOR ACTIVITY ON TRAWL IQ CONSIDERATIONS

2003

Sept. 11 The Council unanimously agreed to the appointment of the Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee (TIQC).

Oct. 28-29 The TIQC met to begin preliminary scoping individual fishing quota (IFQ) alternatives.

Nov. 6 The Council adopted the TIQC report calling for development of a TIQ environmental impact statement (EIS), recommended November 6, 2003 be published as a control date for fishing and processing individual quota programs, and tasked the staff with preparing and pursuing a detailed plan and budget for IQ program development.

Dec. Staff presented a budget of $2.1 million over the course of four years for a full EIS on both the trawl IQ fishery and allocation among trawl and nontrawl sectors. About 15% of the full need has been made available to initiate activity.

2004

Jan. 9 NMFS published a control date for IFQs, but not individual processor quotas.

Feb. 9 NMFS/Council staff internal work group session convened to begin preliminary scoping of the analytical tasks.

Feb. 18-20 NMFS Northwest Region convened an internal work session with the staff of the Alaska Region Restricted Access Management Program to begin identifying tracking and monitoring and enforcement issues associated with IQ programs (attended by Council staff).

Feb. 24 NMFS/Council staff internal work group session met again to continue preliminary scoping of the analytical tasks.

March 18-19 TIQC meeting to continue initial scoping of IQ alternatives.

May 7 The Advisory Committee for the California Groundfish Fishery Disaster Relief Program made funding the Council IFQ process its first priority for surplus funds. No funds received to date.

May 21 Panel of independent experts appointed as an unpaid review body.

May 24 Notice of intent to produce an EIS was published in the Federal Register- formal public scoping period initiated.

May 25-26 Ad Hoc TIQ Enforcement Group met to scope enforcement issues.

June 8-9 Ad Hoc TIQ Analytical Team met with Independent Experts Panel and contractors to scope analytical tasks.

June 13 Scoping hearing: Foster City, California.

July 1-2 Ad Hoc TIQ Analytical Team met to plan analysis based on generic IFQ issues.


July 27 Scoping hearing: Newport, Oregon.

Aug. 2 Formal NEPA public scoping period ended.

Sept. 7-8 Ad Hoc TIQ Analytical Team met to review progress on analytical tasks and
discuss the organization of its first report.

Sept. 17  Council reviewed NEPA scoping results, considered additional scoping under Magnuson-Stevens Act, and added six nonvoting TIQ advisors to the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee.

Sept. 22  Ad Hoc TIQ Independent Experts Panel met to review scoping results.

Sept. 28  Ad Hoc TIQ Enforcement Group met to review scoping results and develop cost estimates.

Oct. 25-26 TIQC to meet to review scoping results and develop alternatives for Council consideration.

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