

GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION FOR TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS AND OTHER MANAGEMENT NEEDS

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) developed this preliminary list (which is in priority order) of Trawl Individual Quota (TIQ) topics that relate to the draft management regime alternatives, which is a subset of a larger list of issues that the GMT has recently discussed. Over time, the GMT will develop recommendations to the Council for the broader list of items; however, in an effort to help narrow down the suite of alternatives, we recommend that initial discussions on these allocation-related issues occur with the Groundfish Allocation Committee at their December 12-14, meeting.

1. Overfished Species Management
 - Discuss potential sub-options for initial allocation of quota shares, if TIQ program includes all species
 - Discuss potential sub-options for overfished species management, if TIQ program excludes overfished species
2. Cooperative Fisheries Management
 - Discuss the pros and cons of allowing the formation of co-ops by all trawl sectors, including non-whiting (as a general Management Regime Alternative)
3. Gear Flexibility (Switching)
 - Whether to consider as an alternative under TIQ alternatives, or through a separate initiative
 - Discuss the potential pros and cons of allowing gear flexibility and identify sub-options to address, as needed
4. Time Series for Initial Allocation and Use of Total Catch Data
 - Discuss pros and cons of using different time series and total catch vs. landed catch data, and sub-options for applying sliding scale approach
5. Number of Trawl Sectors
 - Discuss whether to specify one trawl sector vs. multiple sectors and potential management implications
6. Community Stability Holdback Provision
 - Review specific draft alternative language and discuss whether to revise or add alternatives for consideration

GMT Recommendation:

Provide guidance to the GMT on the list of topics that the Council would like the GMT to comment on at the Groundfish Allocation Committee's December 2006 meeting so the GMT can prepare materials in advance, as needed.