

(Refer to Table 2-3, p. 45. Only elements with options are addressed; otherwise, the element will be implemented as specified.)

(Note: Underlined indicates option selected is different than GAC recommendation; **BOLD and underlined and shaded** is new option)

Motion # 1: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

1. The Catcher-Processor sector would be managed under co-ops
2. The mothership sector would be managed under co-ops
3. The shoreside whiting sector would be managed under an individual fishing quota (IFQ) system or, pending approval of legislation, under co-ops
4. The shoreside non-whiting sector would be managed under an IFQ system

Motion # 2: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A. Trawl Sector Management

A.1.1 Scope for IFQ Management, Including Gear Switching

A.1.2 IFQ Management Units

Species Option: QS/OP will be for the species and species groups specified in the ABC/OY table produced as part of the biennial harvest specifications, with the exception of certain species rarely taken in the groundfish trawl fishery (TIQC recommendation) and spiny dogfish (consistent with GAC recommendation for Intersector Allocation), which is primarily a non-target species. The catches of these species would be accounted for and tracked against the overall OY. If a trawl allocation for any of these species is adopted in the future, then QS/OP for those species could be added at that time.

Option: Geographic Zones (see Supplemental WDFW Attachment 1) or split at 40 deg, 10 min

A.1.3 Trawl Sectors – Option 1: 3 trawl sectors

A.1.6 Groundfish Permit Length Endorsements – Remove length endorsement

Motion # 3: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.1 Initial Allocation

Shoreside Whiting: 20% Processors; 80% Harvesters (absent a co-op system)

Definition of Processor: Option 1: attribute history to the receiver reported on the fish ticket

Shoreside Non-whiting: 20% Processors; 80% Harvesters

Definition of Processor: Option 1: attribute history to the receiver reported on the fish ticket

Motion # 4: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.1.2 Recent Participation

Permits – Recent participation not required

Processors – Motherships: 1000 mt or more of groundfish in any two years 1997-03

Processors – Shoreside:

Non-Whiting: Option 2 – 6 mt or more of deliveries from non-whiting groundfish in each of any three years from 1998-2003

Whiting: Option 2 – 1 mt or more of deliveries from whiting trips in each of any two years from 1998-2006

Motion # 5: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.1.3 Allocation Formula

Permits: Option 2 – an equal division of the buyback permits' pool of QS among all qualifying permits plus allocation of the remaining QS based on each permit's history

Non-whiting Overfished Species: Option 2 – use bycatch rates

Whiting Bycatch Species: Option 2 – pro-rata based on whiting allocation

Catcher-Processors: Option 2 – pro-rata based on whiting allocation

Motherships: Option 2 – pro-rata based on whiting allocation

Shoreside Processors - Whiting: No bycatch allocation; whiting allocation only

Shoreside Processors – Non-whiting; For all species other than incidental species allocate QS based on entity's history for the allocation period of 1994-2003 (drop two worst years) and use relative history. For incidental species use same allocation options identified for permits.

Motion #6: Move to adopt as the Council’s Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.2.1 Permit/IFQ Holding Requirement

If a vessel has an overage:

Sub-element 4: Allow exceptions for vessel to participate in the following non-groundfish fisheries: salmon troll; HMS troll/surface hook-and-line; Dungeness crab; all other HMS gears, except small mesh gillnet; and CPS purse seine.

Specify that vessels are prohibited from participating in state trawl fisheries, such as pink shrimp, California halibut, ridgeback prawn, and sea cucumber, and small mesh gillnet.

Sub-element 6: Allow vessel to resume fishing after designated period of time depending on degree of violation (i.e., sliding scale based on amount of overage); e.g., minimum of 4 months (120 days) for 100 lbs plus an additional month for every additional 50 pounds of overage (1 mt overage = 44 months)

A.2.2.2 IFQ Annual Issuance

Carryover Allowance: Will not apply to QP that are not transferred to a vessel’s account

A.2.2.3 IFQ Transfer Rules

Temporary Transfer Provision: QS will not be transferred in the first year of the program (QP will be transferable)

Accumulation Limits: GAC recommendation as modified by TIQC

Grandfather Clause: Option 3 – None

Motion # 7: Move to adopt as the Council’s Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.3.1 Tracking, Monitoring and Enforcement

T & M Program Alt 1: discards allowed; discards of IBQ required

At-Sea Catch Monitoring

Non-whiting: T & M Program Alt 2: At-sea observers required

Shoreside whiting: Observers would be required in addition to or as a replacement for video monitoring

At-sea whiting: Observers would be required in addition to or as a replacement for video monitoring

At-sea whiting motherships and catcher/processors: Remove reference to “Supplemental video monitoring on processors may also be used.”

Shoreside Catch Monitoring – Included as specified

Catch Tracking Mechanisms – Included as specified

Cost Control Mechanisms

Landing hour restrictions: T & M Program Alt 2: Landing hours limited

Vessel Certification – Included as specified

Program Performance Measures – Included as specified

A.2.3.3 Program Costs

Cost Recovery: Option 1 – Fees up to 3%

A.2.3.4 Program Duration and Modification – Included as specified

Motion # 8: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.3 Adaptive Management

Include as specified up to 10%, except would be sector-specific (consistent with GAC recommendation). The Council would specify through the biennial specifications process whether to set aside a portion for adaptive management for each sector, and the amount to be set aside (if any).

Motion # 9: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

A.2.4 Additional Measures for Processors

Option 2 – The accumulation limit grandfather clause will not apply for processing history

A.4 Pacific Halibut IBQ

Option: IBQ for Pacific halibut bycatch in the trawl fishery will be established

A.5 Alternative Scope for IFQ Management

Option: IFQ will be required to cover all groundfish catch except for bycatch species taken on whiting sector trips

Bycatch Management: Option 4 – Separate bycatch caps by whiting sector with a roll-over provision

A.6 Duration: Fixed Term (and Auctions)

Option: None

Motion # 10: Move to adopt as the Council’s Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

B.1 Whiting Sector Management Under Co-ops

B.1.2 Annual Whiting Rollovers

Option 1 – there will not be a rollover of unused whiting from one sector to another

B.1.3 Bycatch Species Management

Subdivision Option D – subdivide among whiting sectors and within sectors, subdivide between co-op and non-co-op fishery and among co-ops within sectors

B.1.3.2 Bycatch Management

Strike seasonal allocation alternatives

Rollover: Option 1 – unused bycatch may be rolled over from sector to another if the sector’s full allocation of whiting has been harvested or participants do not intend to harvest the remaining sector allocation

Bycatch Buffer: Option 2 – for the non-co-op fishery, there will not be a buffer; the fishery will close based on **projected** attainment of its allocation

B.1.4 At-sea Observers/Monitoring – As specified

B.1.5 Mandatory Data Collection – As specified

Annual co-op reports required to Council

B.1.6 Adaptive Management

Option: Sector-specific consistent with Motion # 8

Motion # 11: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

B.2 Whiting Mothership Sector Co-op Program

B.2.1 Participation in the Mothership Sector – As specified for catcher vessels and processors

Vessels Excluded: Option 1 – Motherships operating as a C/P may not operate as a mothership during a year in which it also participates as a C/P

B.2.2 Permits/Endorsement Qualification and Characteristics

B.2.2.1 Qualifying for a CV (MS) Whiting Endorsement: Option 2 – 1997 through 2003

Catch History Assignment: Best 6 out of 7 years from 1997 through 2003

Whiting Endorsement Transferability and Endorsement Severability: Transfer Option 2 – the CV whiting endorsement may be severed from the permit. **CV permit may not be transferred to a vessel engaged in the processing of whiting in the year of the transfer.**

Accumulation Limit – Equal to amount of largest current owner; no grandfather clause

Motion # 12: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

B.2.2.2 Mothership Processor Permit

Qualifying Entities: Option 2 – the owners of qualifying motherships will be issued MS permits

Qualification Requirements: Minimum requirement of 1000 mt of whiting in any two years 1997-03

Transferability: MS permits will be transferable and MS permits may be transferred to a vessel of any size; and

3) Option 1 – MS permits may not be transferred to a vessel engaged in the harvest of whiting in the year of the transfer; and

4) Option 3 – MS permits may be transferred two times during the fishing year

Usage Limit: Option 4 – No individual or entity owning a MS permit may process more than 40% of the total mothership sector whiting allocation

B.2.3 Co-op Formation and Operation Rules

Co-op Formation: Option 2 – Multiple co-ops are not required, but may be voluntarily formed

B.2.3.3 Co-op Agreement Standards – As presented, modified based on guidance from November 2007

Motion # 13: Move to adopt as the Council’s Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

B.2.4 Processor Ties

Option 4 – Permits will be obligated to deliver 90% of their catch (the permits’ “obligated deliveries”) to certain motherships, as specified below

B.2.4.1 Formation and Modification of Processor Tie Obligations

Option 4 – If the permit chooses to participate in a co-op its obligated deliveries must go to the licensed mothership to which the permit made a majority of its whiting deliveries in 2009

B.2.4.2 Flexibility in Meeting Processor Tie Obligations – As specified

B.2.4.3 Mothership Processor Withdrawal – Mutual agreement required; neither option applies

Motion # 14: Move to adopt as the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative, the following:

B.4 Co-ops for Catcher-Processors – As specified; include the following:

Issue Permits to Co-Op

Specify harvest amounts in regulation for co-op members

Require unanimous consent for a member to leave the co-op

Mandatory Data Collection

Annual co-op report requirement

Bycatch: The fishery will close based on projected attainment of its allocation

Motion # 15: Move to adopt the Trawl Rationalization package (Amendment 20) for public review with the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternatives as specified in the previous actions.