COUNCIL STAFF TRAWL RATIONALIZATION ANALYSIS TASKS FOR MAY GROUNDFISH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE AND JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DECISION MAKING

**Adaptive Management Program**

- Development of a non-pass-through formulaic approach for program years 1 or 2.
- Consideration of 5-year program review and process.

**Accumulation Limits**

- Overfished species control and vessel limits.
- Halibut individual bycatch quota control and vessel limits.
- Higher control limits for community fishing associations (CFA).
- Divestiture motion (tabled from March).
  - If there is to be divestiture, this may get into a control date issue (people accumulating additional permits before implementation date).
- Order of application of accumulation limits.

**Other Clarifications and Refinements**

- Finalize language on “eligible to own” (use of Amendment 6 language and consistency with Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act [MSA]).
- Implication of quota share (QS) carry-over from one year to next when optimum yields change (Groundfish Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee have previously recommended consideration of adjusting quota pound carry-overs. Conservation and MSA compliance issue.)
- Several minor clarifications are scheduled for the June Council meeting, and more may occur as NMFS proceeds with initial regulation writing activity.

**FMP Amendment Language**

- Draft language and framewrking process was provided in the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (2 paragraphs). This needs to be reviewed and presented for final adoption.
**Community Fishing Associations**

Necessary analysis from CFA motions 1 and 2

- Need to identify “primary groundfish fishing community” (this wasn’t done in the EIS).
- Need to more fully develop and update the “vulnerable community” assessment so that it is robust enough to support the CFA motion relevant to elements of trawl rationalization.
- Need to provide an assessment for how to determine if a community has become vulnerable through rationalization.

Analytical Requests

- Provide a ranking of vulnerable communities and all groundfish communities based on the total amount of nonwhiting trawl landings.
- Divestiture Provision – consider implications of only allowing CFAs to receive QS during divestiture period as compared to allowing all entities to receive such divestitures.
- Measures of changes to the stability of vulnerable communities. Ideas of performance criteria that might give measurable results of improvement.
- Types of information that would need to be divulged in order to evaluate ownership and control rules.
- Analysis of implications of geographic issues related to CFAs
  - Larger areas vs. smaller areas.
  - Allowing 1 or multiple CFAs to operate within the same geographic area.
- Between the May GAC meeting and the June Council meeting Briefing Book deadline, it is presumed analysis will be requested for criteria alternatives for:
  - CFA structure and operations
  - Membership in CFAs
  - Membership and controls
  - Approval, reporting, and compliance

**Response to Inquiries from NMFS on Council Intent**

As needed based on NMFS review.

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