

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON THE BLACKGILL ROCKFISH AND
SLOPE ROCKFISH QUOTA SHARE ALLOCATION

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's current task regarding the restructuring of the southern Slope Rockfish complex south of 40°10' N latitude, is to examine a range of quota share allocation alternatives for detailed analysis based upon those chosen at the April 2015 Council meeting. The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) extends its thanks to Mr. Jim Seger for his presentation that provided additional information for the team to consider. After a discussion of this topic, the GMT offers the following two comments.

- The GMT believes that the new proposed alternatives may be problematic to analyze due to difficulty in tracking of permits and the trading of quota shares.
- Furthermore, the GMT notes that Amendment 20 to the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan has a default reallocation method that may accomplish the purpose of the action with the least amount of disruption to current fishing practices.

Therefore, **the GMT recommends that the Council move forward with the analysis using the Amendment 20 method.**

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