

SCOPING TRAWL SECTOR QUOTA POUND TRADING

During the June 2016 Council meeting, the Council took action to prioritize Omnibus agenda items, and decided to package two trawl action items (“*Trawl IFQ & MS – Allow Between Sector Transfer of Rockfish QP from IFQ to MS*”; “*Trawl – Allow Between Sector Transfers of Unneeded Overfished Species*”) into one agenda item. Under Workload Planning (Agenda Item F.6, Supplemental Attachment 6, June 2016) the Council scheduled scoping of the action for the September 2016 meeting. The Council is seeking additional clarity on the subject matter with the expectation that if the agenda item moves forward, further action may be taken in September 2017 with completion of the Council process in the fall of 2018. Final National Marine Fisheries Service approval would be expected by June 2019 in time for the 2021-2022 biennium.

Council staff developed a draft discussion paper that provides the original omnibus item descriptions, a potential purpose and need statement, and potential options and considerations to utilize excess quota in the limited entry trawl fishery.

Council Action:

Scope Issues and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1 – Scoping Trawl Sector Quota Pounds Trading.

Agenda Order:

- F.4 Scoping of Trawl Sector Quota Pounds Trading Brett Wiedoff and Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Scope Issues and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule