

GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT TEAM 5-YEAR CATCH SHARE PROGRAM AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION REVIEW UPDATE

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the briefing book material available under this agenda item and received a briefing from Mr. Jim Seger of Council staff.

The GMT focused our comments on providing guidance on updates to the descriptions of the trawl catch share program contained in Appendix E of the groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) ([Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 3](#)). Given time limitations at this meeting, the GMT was only able to do an initial review of the proposed revisions in Appendix E and provides the following suggestions. Therefore, there may be more updates than listed below, and we can provide additional comments in November if needed.

1. In Table E-1:

- a. A-2-2.2 IFQ Annual Issuance - add a reference to the addition of provisions for when the final harvest specifications (non-whiting) are not known by January 1, only a partial issuance of quota is done for January 1 (2012 emergency rule; 2014 final rule). Item 92, in Table 2 of Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 1 states that staff has not recommended a change on this issue because “Appendix E is silent on this implementation detail.” The GMT feels that this is a significant enough change that it should nevertheless be documented in the appendix.
- b. A-2-2.3 Accumulation Limits - Add sentence to note that [vessel] limits can change during the year if there is a rulemaking that changes the shorebased trawl allocation, as those limits are calculated based on percentages of the allocation. May also note that carryover does not change vessel limits, as carryover does not become part of the allocation.