

## LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERY

During the September 2014 omnibus discussions, the Council recommended establishing ad hoc committees to develop alternatives for issues identified for Phase 2 of the limited entry (LE) fixed gear sablefish catch share program review:

- 1) Combine the fixed gear LE daily trip limit fishery and tier fishery;
- 2) Require permit price reporting for LE fixed gear permit transfers; and
- 3) Combine longline and fishpot into a single fixed gear LE endorsement.

In September 2016, the first item was recommended for removal from further consideration by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP); however, two items remain. At the November 2016 Council meeting the GAP will recommend if these items should be further analyzed, if an ad hoc committee is needed, and how these items would be prioritized according to Groundfish Workload Priorities document under the agenda item title of “LE Fixed Gear Sablefish Issues” (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 4). If the Council maintains these items as near-term omnibus priorities, then the Council may need to review the schedule for these items in the Year-At-A-Glance (Agenda Item C.6, Attachment 1). In addition, the Council may want to consider whether an ad hoc committee is needed for items 2 and 3 in the list above.

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