

TRAWL CATCH SHARES AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION PROGRESS REPORTS AND COST RECOVERY REPORT

This agenda item includes progress reports on the five-year review of the catch share program, the five-year review of intersector allocations, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) trawl catch share cost recovery program.

The five-year review for the catch share program is moving forward under an accelerated schedule which calls for Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) approval of a draft for public review at the June 2017 Council meeting and completion of the review at the November 2017 Council meeting (Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1). Additionally, the schedule includes: identification of priority issues for follow-on actions at the June 2017 Council meeting, preliminary development of ranges of alternatives by the Community Advisory Board (CAB) over the summer, Council guidance on that range at the September Council meeting, and finalization of ranges of alternatives for analysis when the review is completed in November.

The development of the catch share review is currently on schedule. Analysts working on the catch share review have completed the first draft, which is currently undergoing internal review. The Scientific and Statistical Committee groundfish and economic subcommittees are scheduled to meet May 24-25 to review the draft document, and the CAB will be meeting May 30-31 to review the document and develop recommendations for follow-on actions to be presented to the Council in June.

At its November 2016 meeting, the Council directed staff to begin developing a review of intersector allocations and report back on progress at the April 2017 Council meeting. The process adopted by the Council called for staff to compile as much readily available and necessary information as possible over the winter, and for an assessment to be made at this meeting on progress and additional resources required to move the intersector allocation review to completion. At the end of the review process, the Council would decide whether to prioritize consideration of changes to intersector allocations. At its November 2016 meeting, the Council also determined that any revisions to the allocations would follow the review and be developed through the Council's Groundfish Allocation Committee, although the catch share review CAB may address within-trawl allocation and comment on trawl/non-trawl allocations as they relate to performance of the catch share program. Further, the Council specified that at that time, it was not its intent to focus on reconsideration of within-trawl whiting, sablefish, or trawl/non-trawl allocations.

As authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) Sections 303A(e) and 304(d)(2), Amendment 20 included a Council recommendation that fees be charged for cost recovery. This was followed, in September 2011, with a Council recommendation on the methodology for identifying and assessing "management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement programs that are directly related to and in support of the program" (MSA 303A(e)(1)). The Council's final recommendation on cost recovery is available

on the trawl trailing action webpage and includes the following statement: “The Council should have an ongoing, periodic role in the cost recovery program, including reviewing cost recovery levels, after the cost recovery program becomes established.” This agenda provides the Council an opportunity to review the cost recovery levels established by NMFS.

Cost recovery fees were first charged starting in 2014, and NMFS provided its first report on cost recovery at the April 2014 Council meeting. The NMFS report under this agenda item (Agenda Item F.4.a, NMFS Report) covers the 2017 cost recovery fee calculation, including an explanation of the recalculation of the previous year's fees, and results from the 2016 collections.

Council Action:

- 1. Provide guidance on moving ahead with the review of the catch share program, as needed.**
- 2. Provide guidance on moving ahead with the review of intersector allocations, as needed.**
- 3. Discuss cost recovery report and provide guidance, as needed.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 1: Catch Share Review Calendar.
2. Agenda Item F.4, Attachment 2: Evaluating the Performance of Amendment 21 Allocations Since Implementation of the Trawl Catch Share Program.
3. Agenda Item F.4.a, NMFS Report: Trawl Rationalization Program Cost Recovery Annual Report.

Agenda Order:

- F.4 Trawl Catch Shares and Intersector Allocation Progress Reports
and Cost Recovery Report Jim Seger, John DeVore
NMFS
- a. Cost Recovery Report
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Trawl Catch Shares Program and Allocation Reviews, Trawl Catch Share Trailing Actions, and Consider any Necessary Action Based on the Cost Recovery Report

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