

TRAWL CATCH SHARE REVIEW – FINAL REPORT ADOPTION AND PRELIMINARY RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS

Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to finalize the catch share review document and continue its work on follow-on actions. The previously adopted calendar for the catch share review and follow-on actions is provided in Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1, updated to reflect Council action in September to delay until next spring the selection of a range of follow-on action alternatives for analysis. Because the selection of a final range of alternatives has been delayed until the spring, the Council may want to authorize an additional Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting as part of its guidance on developing the final range of alternatives.

At its June meeting, the Council approved the bulk of the catch share review document, to be distributed for public review after incorporating recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee and certain recommendations from the Community Advisory Board (CAB) (the executive summary in Agenda Item F.2, Attachments 2 and the full document in Attachment 3). That document was released for public review in mid-August. At its September meeting, the Council approved an additional appendix and two additional sections of the review: Appendix J, containing abbreviated community summaries; Section 4.0, Research and Data Needs; and Section 5.0, Recommendations. The appendix is incorporated in Attachment 3 and Sections 4.0 and 5.0 are provided in Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 4. Since the September meeting, analysts working on the catch share review had an opportunity to more closely consider research and data needs issues and have submitted a replacement to Section 4.0 for Council consideration (Agenda F.2, Attachment 5). In its September 2017 report, the Groundfish Management Team recommended that the research and data need items be added to the list for omnibus prioritization in 2017. The public comment deadline for the review was October 19 and the comment received is provided here as Agenda Item F.2.b, Public Comment 1.

The CAB met on October 24 and 25 to continue work on development of ranges of alternatives for follow-on actions based on Council guidance from its September 2017 meeting. Following is the current list of issues under consideration, some of which will be taken up as part of the biennial specifications process.

1. At-Sea Whiting Fishery Bycatch Needs
2. Trawl Sablefish Area Management and Gear Switching
3. Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Accumulation Limits (Control and Vessel Limits)
4. Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Complex Needs
5. Catcher-Processor Sector Accumulation
6. Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Quota Pound (QP) Pass-through.

Information on these issues is provided in Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 6, including: a table listing the issues, alternatives, and processes as they stood coming out of the September meeting (Table 1); purpose and need statements; the alternatives; additional notes; and, in some cases, data and analysis.

The Council approved a number of initial purpose and need statements at the September Council meeting but the first draft of the statements on trawl sablefish area management and gear switching and on AMP QP pass-through have not yet received initial Council approval (as indicated in Table 1 of Attachment 6). Table 1 also identifies several of the specific topics that will be taken up under the biennial specifications process. Those items do not necessarily need to be addressed under this agenda item. A CAB report will be provided in supplemental materials (Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report) and it is anticipated that under Agenda Item F.9 the CAB will provide a separate report on follow-on actions to take up in the biennial specification.

In previous years, the Council delayed the development of criteria for distribution of AMP QP until after completion of the five year review as well as the possible implementation of a risk pool policy on which the Council took final action in September 2011. In June, in prioritizing follow-on actions recommended by the CAB ([June 2017, Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental CAB Report](#)) the Council further delayed the development of AMP QP distribution criteria as well as implementation of the risk pool policy. The NMFS report is expected to address the risk pool issue (Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1).

As part of its guidance, the Council may also wish to continue to narrow the topics on which follow-on actions are being developed, since workload considerations will prevent moving forward on the entire slate of issues currently tasked to the CAB.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final trawl catch share review report.**
- 2. Provide guidance on preliminary range of alternatives for follow-on actions.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Calendars for Trawl Catch Share and Intersector Allocation Reviews.
2. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 2: West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review, Executive Summary.
3. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3: West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review. **(Electronic Only)**.
4. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 4: West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review –Sections 4.0, 5.0., September 2017.
5. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 5: Proposed Replacement for Section 4.0 of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program Five-year Review.
6. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 6: Follow-on Actions—Issues, Alternatives, and Analysis.
7. *Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1.*
8. *Agenda Item F.2.a, Supplemental CAB Report 1: CAB Report on Trawl Catch Share Review – Final Report Adoption and Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions.*
9. Agenda Item F.2.b, Public Comment 1.

Agenda Order:

F.2 Trawl Catch Share Review – Final Report Adoption and Preliminary

Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Trawl Catch Share Review Report and a Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions

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