

## TRAWL RATIONALIZATION TRAILING ACTIONS

At its September 2013 meeting, the Council decided to delay additional work on trailing actions to allow additional time for implementation of recommendations on which it had already taken action. At this time there are a number of issues on which the Council has taken action for which implementation is in progress.

1. **Chafing Gear Rule** - Regulations deemed, proposed rule to be published.
2. **Observer/Catch Monitoring Rule** - Proposed rule published February 19 with a March 21 public comment deadline.
3. **Fixed Gear and Trawl Permit Stacking** (concurrent registration to same vessel – includes action on at-sea processing on fixed gear vessels) – Regulatory package under development.
4. **Shorebased Whiting Season Date Changes** – Regulatory package under development with further progress delayed until whiting cleanup rule package is developed (see Agenda Item D.1, NMFS Supplemental Report regarding whiting cleanup rule).

Since last September, NMFS has also completed implementation of the cost recovery rule and the second program improvements and enhancement rule (PIE 2). A more detailed description of the status on these trailing action issues is provided on the Council webpage ([www.pcouncil.org/groundfish/fishery-management-plan/trailing-actions/](http://www.pcouncil.org/groundfish/fishery-management-plan/trailing-actions/)). Also since September, a law suit has been filed on the cost recovery rule and plaintiffs have filed an appeal on Pacific Dawn II (Agenda Item D.6.a, Attachment 1).

This agenda item was scheduled to address any issues arising during implementation of the above issues and to address development of the adaptive management program. With respect to the above issues, at that this time none have been identified as requiring Council attention.

With respect to the implementation of an allocation criteria for the quota pounds (QP) associated with the non-whiting quota share (QS) (10 percent) set aside for the Adaptive Management Program (AMP), at this time there has been insufficient progress on developing alternatives for those criteria to warrant Council decision making. Therefore, the Council's main task is to determine whether or not and the terms on which the current pass-through of QP should be continued. The following strawman alternatives are provided here for Council consideration and are structured on the alternatives the Council considered in June 2011, when it decided to extend the pass through past 2012:

**No Action Alternative (status quo):** Beginning in 2014, the QP associated with the QS set-aside for AMP purposes will be distributed in accordance with procedures developed under the AMP provisions. If such procedures are not developed and implemented by January 1, 2014, there is no guidance on how the AMP QP will be distributed.

**Strawman Alternative 1:** The pass-through procedures used since 2011 will be continued through 2016.

**Strawman Alternative 2:** The pass-through procedures used since 2011 will be continued until procedures are developed under the AMP.

NMFS will be providing as supplemental report on the issue of continuing the AMP pass-through.

**Council Action:**

1. **Provide direction on implementation, if a need for such direction is identified.**
2. **Adopt alternatives for analysis for continuation of the adaptive management program pass-through.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item D.6.a, Attachment 1: Glacier Fish Company LLC vs. Pritzker and Plaintiffs' Appeal on Pacific Dawn II.
2. Agenda Item D.6.b, Supplemental NMFS Report.

**Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Implementation and Adaptive Management Program Pass-Through
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