Agenda Item J.2

Widow Rockfish Reallocation and Divestiture Issues
Council Action

1. Ranges of alternatives
   a. Widow rockfish QS reallocation
   b. Widow rockfish divestiture deadline
   c. Aggregate non-whiting species divestiture deadline

2. Guidance on revoking QS in complex situations
Widow Reallocation - Purpose and Need (J.2.a, Att 1, pg 3)

• Amendment 20 had two allocation approaches
  • Target Species – equal allocation and historic catch
  • Overfished Species – bycatch for harvest of target species

• Widow rockfish
  • Overfished at time of initial allocation
  • Now rebuilt
  • Amendment 20 states that on rebuilding

  “...there may be a change in the QS allocations within a sector....
When a stock becomes rebuilt, the reallocation will be to facilitate the re-establishment of historic target fishing opportunities.”
Widow Rockfish
Range of Alternatives (Strawmen)
(J.2.a, Att 1, p. 5)

• Alt 1 - No Action – allow market to reallocate
• Alt 2 – Reallocate using the A-20 target species formula
• Alt 3 – Same as Alt 2 but include landings through 2010
• Alt 4 – Pounds neutral reallocation – (in 2016 no one worse off in terms of QP than in 2012)
• Alt 5 – Pounds neutral plus – (same as Alt 4 but everyone somewhat better off than in 2012).
QS - No Action

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QS - No Action v. Alternative 2

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- Strawman 2 - Amendment 20 Target Species Allocation Formula
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Consideration of 2003-2010 Landings – (Alternative 3)

- From 2003 to 2010 the amount harvested by the shoreside trawl fishery was very small.

- A permit with small landings in a year with low fleet harvests can receive a large credit toward QS allocations.
  - Assumes permit history measured as percent of annual landings.
  - Measured as an annual poundage, 2003-2010 landings would have minimal impact on allocations.
QP - No Action (‘11/’12 & ‘15/’16) v. Alternative 2 (‘15/’16)
Divestiture Deadlines for Control Limits
(Agenda Item J.2.a, Attachment 2, page 9)

- Divestiture deadline: November 30, 2015

- Widow rockfish control limit divestiture deadline
  - **Alternative:** extend the widow rockfish divestiture deadline by XX months

- Aggregate non-whiting control limit deadline
  - **Alternative**
    - Option A: Extend the non-whiting aggregate control limit
    - Option B: Exclude widow rockfish from the non-whiting aggregate control limit until the widow rockfish divestiture deadline.
Guidance on Revoking Forfeited QS in Complex Situations

• In the event someone does not meet the divestiture deadline, how should divestiture be imposed in complex situations?
  
  • When an individual
    • has full or partial ownership over more than one account
    • is over the aggregate accumulations limit

• See Agenda Item J.2.b, NMFS Report
2011-2014 catch history cannot be tracked back to the permits on which original QS allocations were based.

History for Initial Allocation (Available 1994-2010)

- Vessel Permits
- QS Account

Not Connected

History for Initial Allocation (Available 2011-Present)

- Vessel
- QP Accounts
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