

TIQ ENFORCEMENT GROUP REPORT ON TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS

The TIQ Enforcement Group met September 28, 2004 to review scoping results and develop cost estimates.

Cost estimates were developed in two steps. First a determination was made of the additional expenditures necessary to arrive at an adequate level of enforcement under status quo. The development of this estimate was based in part on NMFS Office of Law Enforcement “gap analyses” that had been conducted previously in the Northwest and Southwest region offices. Incremental increases in enforcement tasks over the years have resulted in a deterioration in the overall level of enforcement in the groundfish fishery, a “gap.” In general, the results from these analyses indicated the need for a doubling of the current level of enforcement effort.

The second step was to develop an estimate of the additional enforcement effort that might be required if an IFQ program is put in place. A generic program was assumed with transferable quotas and the following elements for a tracking and monitoring program:

- 100% at-sea monitoring
- Full retention required
- Advance notice of landings or restricted times of landing.
- 100% monitoring of offloading activities
- An electronic landings tracking system
- An electronic IFQ reporting system
- VMS

With these tracking and monitoring elements in place very little additional enforcement effort would be required with the implementation of an IFQ program.