

## TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTA ANALYSIS--REVIEW OF STAGE ONE

The drafting of the analytical document for the trawl individual quota (TIQ) program has been divided into two stages. This two stage process was developed as a response to funding that was not sufficient to cover a complete analytical document. The first stage work product for the analytical document has been carried out under contract and includes specification of the impacts that will be evaluated along with the approach and methods that will be used in the evaluation.

A summary of the current status of this project is provided in Agenda Item F.3.a Attachment 1. Drafting of the analysis has been underway since last fall. A workshop to provide an opportunity for public involvement in the drafting process was held April 18-20, 2006 in Portland, Oregon and a report is provided as Agenda Item F.3.b, Workshop Report (*on Council briefing book CD*).

At this meeting the Council will review the contractor work product on the first stage of development of the analysis and determine whether adjustments are needed to the analytical approach or any of the alternatives (Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 1—excerpt from Stage I Draft). The contractor has identified some areas for which adjustments may be appropriate at this time, expressed concern about the number of permutations contained in the alternatives, and expressed concern that analysis of some design elements may uncover problems which indicate that other options should have been considered. With respect to these issues, the contractor's primary concern is excessive permutations and the possible need to reconsider some design elements at the end of the process, which may escalate costs. To address these issues Council staff has initiated the following for Council consideration at this meeting:

- (1) Reorganization of some of the main elements of the alternatives in order to streamline the analysis.
- (2) Adjustments to some of the design elements.  
(Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 2 and Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental TIQC Report)

The staff will compile the results of Council deliberations from this meeting and ask the Council to confirm any stage one modifications at its September meeting. The confirmation in September will allow the Groundfish Management Team, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and others who have been fully subscribed with the biennial specifications process to offer the Council their recommendations on this matter. September confirmation of the stage one actions is not expected to cause any delay in the work on stage two as there are many aspects of the analysis which will not be driven by the types of adjustments that the Council will be considering.

### **Council Task:**

- 1. Identify any other impacts that should be considered or problems with the planned approach to the analysis.**
- 2. Consider the need for any revisions to the current alternatives.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 1: Groundfish Trawl Individual Quotas, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Status Report, June 2006.
2. Agenda Item F.3.a, Attachment 2: Staff Report: Issues for Council Consideration.
3. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 1: Excerpt from Stage 1 Draft IFQs and Permit Stacking Alternatives in the Limited Entry Trawl Fishery (Chapters 1, 2, 4 and Appendices A-C).
4. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 1 **ERRATA:** Stage 1 Draft IFQs and Permit Stacking Alternatives in the Limited Entry Trawl Fishery, **Table 2-1.**
5. Agenda Item F.3.b, Attachment 2: Stage 1 Draft IFQs and Permit Stacking Alternatives in the Limited Entry Trawl Fishery (**electronic copy on Council briefing book CD**).
6. Agenda Item F.3.b, Workshop Report (**electronic copy on Council briefing book CD**).
7. Agenda Item F.3.c, Supplemental TIQC Report.
8. Agenda Item F.3.d, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Contractor Report (Northern Economics, Inc.)
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion and Guidance on Completing Stage I

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