

MOTHERSHIP SECTOR PROPOSAL

Permits

Close class of MS, qualifying criteria: 1000 mt in two years, 1997-2003

Create MS permit; permits are transferable two times during the year, provided that the second transfer is back to the original mothership vessel (i.e. only one transfer per year to a different mothership vessel)

Mothership sector endorsement placed on CV Permit. Qualifying criteria 500 MT 1994-2003; not severable from permit. Permits are transferable two times during the year, provided that the second transfer is back to the original vessel.

Create a maximum length endorsement for the CV permit consistent with the existing point system. Intent is that the length endorsement will not be reduced by transfer to a vessel smaller than maximum endorsement. When combining permits to increase size of length endorsement, only one mothership sector endorsement is required on a CV permit.

MS Permit Usage Limit of 45%

History/Allocation

Assign whiting catch history (QS) to CV permits based on qualifying period 1994-03, drop none

Assign bycatch allocation to CV permits pro rata based on their whiting catch history

By September 1 of the year prior to implementation, CV permit holders shall notify NMFS of whether the QP associated with their CV permit will be assigned to a co-op or the non-coop fishery in the following year. If the QP is to be assigned to a co-op then the CV permit holder shall also notify NMFS of the mothership permit to which the quota will be delivered.

The co-op/non-co-op designation and the mothership permit assignment will automatically renew for the following year unless the CV permit holder changes that designation and/or assignment by notifying NMFS in writing prior to September 1 of any subsequent year. If a CV permit holder intends to move from one mothership permit to another, they shall notify the mothership permit holder from which they are transferring of their intent to do so, in writing, not less than 60 days prior to notifying NMFS.

In the event that there is agreement between the CV permit holder and the mothership permit holder to which it is assigned, the QP may be transferred to another mothership permit.

In the event of mothership permit withdrawal subsequent to QP assignment, the CV permit is free to participate in the co-op or non-co-op fishery. Mothership permit shall notify NMFS of its withdrawal and CV permit shall notify NMFS of their intent to participate in the co-op or non-co-op fishery thereafter.

Co-op Formation

Nothing in this proposal requires the formation of co-ops

Single or multiple co-ops may be formed.

A co-op may be formed by CV permit holders comprising 20% or more of the eligible MS endorsed CV permits.

NMFS will deposit whiting QP and bycatch into a non-co-op or co-op pool(s) based on permit history assignment as determined above.

In the event there is more than one co-op, catch and bycatch will be transferable between co-ops through inter co-op agreement.

Co-op Agreement Provisions

See B-2.3.3 e