

DRAFT REPORT
Groundfish Allocation Committee
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The Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) met in Portland, Oregon on January 27-29, 2009 to discuss several issues, including the direction of the “eligible to own IFQ” analysis and other trawl rationalization issues. The following GAC recommendations pertain to this agenda item.

Regarding 3 or 4 sectors within the trawl fishery

- The GAC recommends the Council clarify at the March Council meeting that the Council motion intent in November was to manage all individual fishing quota (IFQ) species in both the shoreside whiting and non-whiting portions of the sector under the IFQ program.

Regarding Eligibility to Own Issues

- The GAC concurs with further analysis of this issue in the direction described by staff.

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