

MOTION: I move that the Council approve converting the Open Access Fishery to Federal Permit Management using the Council PPA with the addition of sablefish and lingcod endorsements using the following criteria:

- The current owner of a vessel is eligible for a B permit if that vessel(s) was (were) used to make one or more directed B species open access fishery landings totaling ≥ 100 pounds from federal and/or state waters off the Washington, Oregon or California coasts during the period April 9, 1998-September 13, 2006 (window period) and that at least one directed fishery landing was made during January 1 2004-September 13, 2006;
- A lingcod endorsement will be affixed to a B permit if a vessel qualifies for a B permit and landed ≥ 100 pounds of lingcod in any one year during the window period;
- A sablefish endorsement will be affixed to a B permit if a vessel qualifies for a B permit and landed ≥ 500 pounds of sablefish in any one year during the window period;
- Allow both a lingcod and a sablefish endorsement to be affixed to a B permit if the vessel qualifies for both endorsements;
- Affix species endorsements permanently to and for sole use with the original B permit and allow directed fishing for the endorsed species in addition to other B species groundfish;
- The endorsement provision is intended to preclude non-endorsed vessels from directly fishing for (targeting) endorsed species, but allow B permitted vessels without endorsements to land incidental amounts of the endorsed species under cumulative landing limits identified during the normal specifications process;
- Vessels that apply for and receive B permits, including any associated species endorsements, would be allowed to take and land B species groundfish using open access gear in amounts specified in Federal groundfish regulations;
- Vessels that do not receive a B permit and that do not possess a Limited Entry (A) permit will be allowed to take and land B species groundfish incidental to fishing for non-groundfish species in amounts specified in Federal groundfish regulations;
- Permits and associated species endorsements are transferable between vessels, including transfer during the first year;
- Allow A and B permits to be used alternately on the same vessel in the same year, but not in the same cumulative limit period. A declaration process is required as part of the A and B provision;
- Establish a process for initial issuance appeals;
- Remove C permit program provisions and provide a mechanism to account for and manage incidental catch of groundfish in these fisheries