

# Whiting Related Clarifications

Agenda Item F.4.a  
Attachment 5

# Permit Qualification for Whiting Quota Dropping Same Two Years

- IFQ and MS Co-op both use 1994-2003 allocation period, drop two years
- Both programs specified permits participating in both fisheries would drop same 2 years
- Council action did not address what happens with IFQs for one sector and co-ops for other.
- The write-up of final preferred alternative does not include drop same year requirement but footnotes the issue.

# Effects of Choice

- 28 of 32 permits have some participation in both (94-03).
- Consider two permits both with the same total whiting (20k mt)
  - Permit 1 fished every year in one sector (2k mt/yr).

	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03
SS	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k

- Permit 2 fished 5 years in one sector and 5 years in the other.

	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03
SS	2k	2k	2k	2k	2k					
MS						2k	2k	2k	2k	2k

- After dropping 2 years,
  - Permit 1 gets credit for 16K,
  - Permit 2 gets credit for 20K (25% more whiting across both sectors) <sup>3</sup>

# Whiting Rollover

- Within year rollover of whiting between at-sea sectors
  - Status quo – rollover between sectors
  - Options – no rollover and rollover
  - June PPA – no rollover
  - November FPA – no action (Section B-1.2)
- Staff assumed status quo – whiting rollover
  - Note: bycatch rollover between sectors is allowed.

# Management of Bycatch: Buffers

- Applies to: non-co-op segment of mothership co-op fishery
  - Vessels opting out of co-ops, racing for fish.
- Concern: bycatch overage by vessels in the non-co-op fishery could shut down co-ops and others.
- Options: consider buffers and consider no buffers with closure on projected attainment.
- June PPA: no buffers with closure on projected attainment
- November FPA: same as June for Section B-1.3.2,
  - the summary
    - mentioned bycatch rollover Option 1,
    - but did not explicitly mention the buffer option (part of same section)
- Staff assumed same as June also included no buffers and closure on projected attainment.