

COUNCIL STAFF TRAWL RATIONALIZATION ANALYSIS TASKS FOR MAY
GROUNDFISH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE AND JUNE
COUNCIL MEETING DECISION MAKING

Adaptive Management Program

- Analysis of Adaptive Management Program options detailed in the F.5.d written motion.
- Development of a non-pass-through formulaic approach for program years 1 or 2.
- Consideration of 5-year program review and process.

Accumulation Limits

- Overfished species control and vessel limits.
- Halibut individual bycatch quota control and vessel limits.
- Higher control limits for community fishing associations (CFA).
- Divestiture motion (tabled from March).
 - If there is to be divestiture, this may get into a control date issue (people accumulating additional permits before implementation date).
- Order of application of accumulation limits.

Other Clarifications and Refinements

- Finalize language on “eligible to own” (use of Amendment 6 language and consistency with Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act [MSA]).
- Implication of quota share (QS) carry-over from one year to next when optimum yields change (Groundfish Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee have previously recommended consideration of adjusting quota pound carry-overs. Conservation and MSA compliance issue.)
- Several minor clarifications are scheduled for the June Council meeting, and more may occur as NMFS proceeds with initial regulation writing activity.

FMP Amendment Language

- Draft language and frameworking process was provided in the preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) (2 paragraphs). This needs to be reviewed and presented for final adoption.

Community Fishing Associations

Necessary analysis from CFA motions 1 and 2

- Need to identify “primary groundfish fishing community” (this wasn’t done in the EIS).
- Need to more fully develop and update the “vulnerable community” assessment so that it is robust enough to support the CFA motion relevant to elements of trawl rationalization.
- Need to provide an assessment for how to determine if a community has become vulnerable through rationalization.

Analytical Requests

- Provide a ranking of vulnerable communities and all groundfish communities based on the total amount of nonwhiting trawl landings.
- Divestiture Provision – consider implications of only allowing CFAs to receive QS during divestiture period as compared to allowing all entities to receive such divestitures.
- Measures of changes to the stability of vulnerable communities. Ideas of performance criteria that might give measurable results of improvement.
- Types of information that would need to be divulged in order to evaluate ownership and control rules.
- Analysis of implications of geographic issues related to CFAs
 - Larger areas vs. smaller areas.
 - Allowing 1 or multiple CFAs to operate within the same geographic area.
- Between the May GAC meeting and the June Council meeting Briefing Book deadline, it is presumed analysis will be requested for criteria alternatives for:
 - CFA structure and operations
 - Membership in CFAs
 - Membership and controls
 - Approval, reporting, and compliance

Response to Inquiries from NMFS on Council Intent

As needed based on NMFS review.

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