

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP) AMENDMENTS 20 AND 21– TRAWL
RATIONALIZATION AND INTERSECTOR ALLOCATION—REGULATORY OVERVIEW
AND FINAL ACTION ON MISCELLANEOUS OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND FMP
LANGUAGE

Development of a trawl rationalization system has proceeded along two tracks. Under Amendment 20, the details of the management system have been developed, specifically individual fishing quotas (IFQ) for the shoreside sector and co-ops for the at-sea whiting sectors. Under Amendment 21, most of the allocations needed to support the trawl rationalization program have been developed.

The Council took final action on Amendment 20 in November 2008 and since that time has been working on related trailing actions and emerging issues and clarifications. All trailing actions are scheduled to be completed at this meeting. The Council took final action on Amendment 21 in April 2009. A calendar for finalizing the submission of recommendations for both Amendment 20 and 21 is provided (Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 1).

With respect to Amendment 20, the Council recommended program, as it stood after the April Council meeting, is provided as Agenda Item E.10, Attachment 2. At this meeting the Council will do the following:

- Respond to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) questions and comments (Agenda Item E.10.b, NMFS NWR Report).
- Address outstanding issues (Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 4).
- Finalize trailing actions on:
 - accumulation limits, including action on divestiture (Agenda Item E.11), and
 - a quota pound set aside for adaptive management (Agenda Item E.12).
- Adopt Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment language that corresponds to its final recommendations (Agenda Item E.10, Attachment 3).

During this process, the Council also considered the development of provisions on community fishing associations (CFAs) but decided to address that issue in a trailing amendment that will not go forward with the main package. The Council will determine when to next address CFAs when it does workload planning under Agenda Item G.5.

With respect to Amendment 21, the Council recommendations are provided as Agenda Item E.10, Attachment 5. Corresponding Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment language will be provided for Council approval at the same time regulations are presented during the deeming process. The initial allocation of quota shares (QS) for the shoreside sector requires a one-time division of the shoreside nonwhiting species between the whiting and nonwhiting sectors. (Once the allocation is made, all resulting QS/quota pounds will be fully tradable between vessels targeting whiting and those targeting nonwhiting species.) The percentage splits necessary to support initial allocation were adopted for most species as part of the Council's intersector allocation action (Amendment 21). In order to complete the shoreside whiting/nonwhiting allocation, additional divisions are needed for the following management units, which will be developed during the 2011-2012 biennial specifications process:

- Canary
- Bocaccio
- Cowcod
- Yelloweye
- Minor shelf rockfish north
- Minor shelf rockfish south
- Other Fish
- Longnose Skate

Completion of the implementation of the IFQ program will be reliant on the results from that process. No action is required from the Council on these allocations at this meeting. There is however, a consistency issue related to an implication for the Amendment 21 action on halibut for the Amendment 20 halibut individual bycatch quota program. This is covered in E.10.a, Attachment 4 and in a NMFS Report from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (Agenda Item E.10.b, NMFS NWFSC Report).

At its May 7-9 meeting, the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) reviewed the FMP amendment language and most of the outstanding issues. These recommendations are provided in Agenda Item E.10.b, GAC Report.

Council Task:

- 1. Respond to NMFS questions and comments.**
- 2. Take final action on outstanding issues.**
- 3. Approve FMP amendment language for Amendment 20.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 1, Calendar of Activities for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendments 20 and 21.
2. Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 2, Pacific Council Recommendations For Groundfish Trawl Rationalization, Updated With Trailing Actions Through April 2009.
3. Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 3, Staff Recommendation on Amending the Groundfish FMP to Incorporate the Trawl Rationalization Program.
4. Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 4, Miscellaneous Remaining Issues.
5. Agenda Item E.10.a, Attachment 5, Intersector Allocation (Amendment 21) Description of Final Council Action, April 2009.
6. Agenda Item E.10.b, NMFS NWR Report on Miscellaneous Clarifications for Amendment 20: Trawl Rationalization.
7. Agenda Item E.10.b, NMFS NWFSC Report, Letter from Northwest Fisheries Science Center on Monitoring Halibut Mortality, May 26, 2009.
8. Agenda Item E.10.b, GAC Report on Trawl Rationalization.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Preferred Alternative for Outstanding Issues and Amendment 20 FMP Language.

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