

WDFW Motion

I move that the Council announce its' intent to consider an amendment to the Amendment 20 motion previously adopted at the June Council meeting relative to the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) at the November Council meeting. The motion to amend would be limited to considering the following:

Starting in year 1 of the trawl rationalization program (TRP), implement a non-pass through Adaptive Management Program (AMP) option for canary rockfish as follows: for the first two years of the TRP, distribute the AMP quota pounds of canary rockfish in a manner that ensures that each initial recipient of shoreside non-whiting quota share receives a minimum of 50 pounds of canary rockfish. (Note: Only AMP quota pounds would be deposited into vessel accounts; AMP quota shares would remain held in reserve by the National Marine Fisheries Service.) The remaining AMP quota pounds for canary, if any, would be distributed to the rest of the fleet, pro rata to the amount of canary they receive through the initial allocation. After the first two years of the TRP, the distribution of canary rockfish AMP quota pounds would be evaluated by the Council and considered along with the other proposals for usage of the AMP quota pounds.

Implementation criteria:

- Initial recipients of non-whiting quota share that receive less than 50 pounds of canary rockfish through the Council-adopted initial allocation methodology for overfished species would receive only the additional quota pounds needed to meet the 50 pound minimum.
- If there are insufficient AMP quota pounds of canary rockfish to bring each recipient of non-whiting initial quota share up to 50 pounds, the minimum poundage will be reduced to an amount that correlates with the AMP poundage available.
- Quota share holders should not assume that the distribution of AMP canary pounds will continue in this manner beyond the first two years of the TRP.