

AGENDA ITEM F.4 SCOPING TRAWL SECTOR QUOTA POUND TRADING

Attachment 1 - Scoping Trawl Sector Quota Pounds Trading



Previous Omnibus Topics

65. Trawl IFQ & MS - Allow Between Sector Transfer of Rockfish QP from IFQ to MS

- This measure would allow participants in the MS sector access to quota pounds (QP) in their shorebased IFQ accounts for four rockfish species (canary, darkblotched, widow and POP).

71. Trawl - Allow Between Sector Transfers of Unneeded Overfished Species

- This measure would be specific to the within trawl use of choke species and is not intended to include discussion or promote changes to any of the existing allocations.



Draft Purpose and Need

- **The need:** to allow individual fishermen and co-ops to acquire additional quota for some species to continue fishing for target species.
- **The purpose:** to increase the attainment of target species by allowing the transfer of excess quota across sectors in order to better achieve optimum yield.



How Fish is Allocated

- Quota Pounds for delivery shoreside are annually provided to the current owners of that QS according to the QS percentage they hold.
- MS sector, annually issued quota does not go to individuals but rather to co-ops in proportion to the amount of catch history associated with the permits that have.
- For the CP sector there is no allocation or catch history assignments that are associated with individual permits, all CP permits join a single co-op and the entire allocation is given to the CP co-op.



Challenges to Transfer Quota

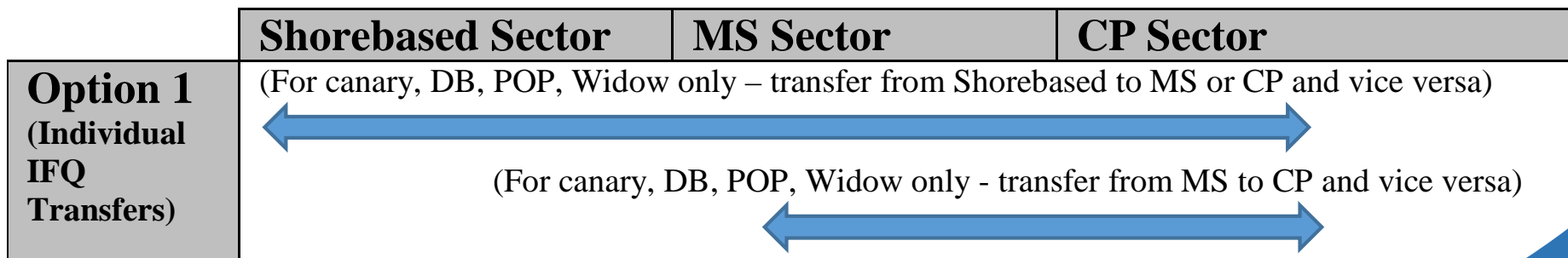
- Those operating in the shoreside fishery would only have one buyer/seller to deal with in each of the at-sea sectors (i.e. the only buyers/sellers of quota would be the MS co-op and the CP co-op).
- In the MS and CP sector, only four QP species (canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, and widow rockfish) are formally allocated to MS and CP cooperatives, this limits the number of transferable species.
- Vessel limits remain; if a vessel exceeds its limit, a quota transfer would not solve their issue



Potential Option 1

Option 1. Allow transfer of quota pounds across LE trawl sectors

This option would allow shorebased QP holders to transfer their non-whiting quota pounds to any MS or CP co-op and allow MS and CP co-ops to transfer their non-whiting quota in the form of QP to accounts in the shorebased IFQ system.



Considerations for Option 1

Pro: Transfers could be done quickly, allow fish to be purchased and be made almost immediately available for use in another sector

Issues:

- Only four species can be transferred between sectors,
- May need to convert MS & CP species to quota pounds so it can be transferred;
- Choke species in Shorebased sector cannot be transferred from at-sea whiting sectors.

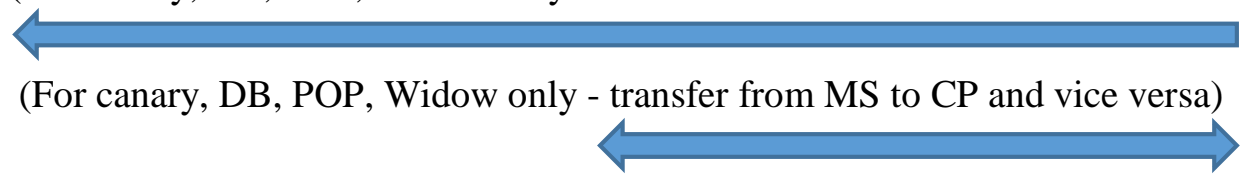


Potential Option 2

Option 2. Move quota at a higher level via Council action and rebalance score card in-season

This option would provide the Council the ability to move species allocations to another sector in-season similar to a scorecard adjustment.

	Shorebased Sector	MS Sector	CP Sector
Option 2 (Council Scorecard Transfer)	(For canary, DB, POP, Widow only - transfer from MS/CP to Shorebased via scorecard)		
	(For canary, DB, POP, Widow only - transfer from MS to CP and vice versa)		



Considerations for Option 2

Pro: Allows transfer of four species of fish to meet changing needs in the trawl sectors.

Issues:

- Lacks ability to transfer from shorebased sector to MS or CP;
- Current data trends may not hold or catch rates may not continue as expected;
- Less expedient than Option 1;
- May need triggers for clear need and industry willingness to rebalance;
- Timing of Council action;
- Possible transfer caps



Council Action

- **Council Action:** Scope Issues and Provide Guidance on Future Process and Schedule

