

Agenda Item H.2
Supplemental Staff Presentation 1
March 2018

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TRAWL CATCH SHARES - GEAR SWITCHING AND
TRAWL SABLEFISH AREA MANAGEMENT

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PFMC

PROCESS

Catch Share Review Follow-on Actions

This Issue Not Included in Follow-on Package

Council Action (March 2018)

- Guidance on a future process & schedule.
 - Guidance on principles?
 - Expansion to include vessel QP limit change?



AS OF NOVEMBER, 2017

Type of Issue Typically Requires Extended & Targeted Attention

- CAB and GAP Rec – special CAB meeting
- GMT Rec – convene the GAC and Ad Hoc Workgroup

CAB Consensus Purpose and Need Statement

- Not adopted by Council

CAB Consensus on Three Principles (See Situation Summary)

Alternatives: A Dozen or So



GEAR SWITCHING/SABLEFISH AREA APPROACHES

- Permit Endorsement/Active Trawler Designations
- Categories of Sablefish Quota
 - All gear and trawl only
- Annual vessel QP cap for gear switching

Allowing some opportunity for harvest of southern sablefish in the north.



ANALYSIS/DATA

ATTACHMENT 1 — A FEW TAKE-AWAYS



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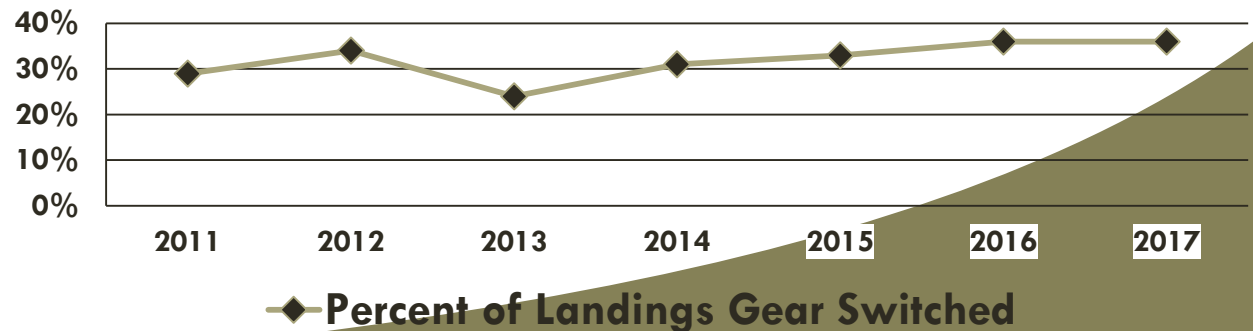
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VALUE RATIO – SABLEFISH, NORTH TO SOUTH

2011-2017	Exvessel Price		QP Price
	Trawl	Gear Switched	
North	\$2.05/lb	\$3.20/lb	\$1.19/lb
South	\$1.81/lb	\$3.08/lb	\$0.36/lb
N-S Ratio	1.13 : 1	1.04 : 1	3.30 : 1



REDUCING N. SABLEFISH ANNUAL VESSEL QP LIMIT

Impacts on Vessels and Catch Displacement

- Reduction from current 4.5% to 3.0% (equal to QS cap)

<i>From H.1. Att1, Table 8</i> Gear Used by Vessels	Avg Vessels/Year Affected by 3%	Average Catch/Year Over 3%	Catch over 3% as Percent of Group's Catch
Only Trawl	2.1	67 thous lbs	2.2%
At Least Some Fixed Gear*	4.7	180 thous lbs	10.2%
Only Fixed Gear*	4.1	168 thous lbs	11.6%
Total	6.9	247 thous lbs	5.1%

* Some vessels are counted twice between these categories.



Questions?

