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## Proposals Addressing South of 36° Sablefish

### S-3 (Crabbe): Move a Portion of the Trawl Allocation from South to North

Move a portion of sablefish south trawl sector allocation between south and north using an attainment based formula annually.

- a) A percentage of un-obtained quota pounds in a particular year would be moved to the northern allocation the following season.
- b) When obtainment of sablefish south reaches a predetermined percentage of the current allocation, a percentage of the sablefish south quota which was previously moved north would be returned to the sablefish south allocation the following season.
- c) Sablefish allocation moved back to the south would not exceed sablefish south allocation determined from survey data/assessment.
- d) Sablefish south allocation would not be reduced below X percent (example 25%) of the southern trawl allocation as determined from survey data/assessment.

### S-X (Dooley, S of 36 Prop): Allow Southern QP to Be Harvested as Far North as 42°

#### - Status Quo

- a) Line and Fishery remains unchanged: No quota reallocation and unlimited gear switching is allowed by **vessels** using South Sablefish in the south (36 degrees)

#### - Option

- a) Split South quota share into two separate categories. They would be identified as “South A” and “South B”
- b) South B can be harvested below the 36 degree North latitude line with any gear. In Addition, “South B” can also be harvested with **Trawl gear only** from the 36 degree North Latitude line to the 42 degree Latitude line
- b) The annual percentage of quota share for “South B” would be determined by identifying the total unharvested South quota in the previous year and reducing that amount by **50 percent**. This percentage of unharvested South Quota would be the sum of unharvested “South A” plus the amount of South B harvested by trawl above 36.
- c) The annual percentage of **quota share [work with administrators to determine best way to do this]** for “South A” would be the remainder of the total South allocation after the above outlined procedure is applied to identified the total “South B” allocation. (Total South minus identified “South B” equals “South A”)
- d) South A” can be harvested as described in Status Quo description above

# Proposals Addressing North of 36° Sablefish Gear Switching

## S-1 (WDFW): Gear Specific QP and LE Permit Owner Opt-out Options (WDFW)

1. At the start of the year, QS accounts would receive a specified percentage of their QP as “trawl only” and the remainder as “any gear” (the Council will determine the percent of each as part of its final recommendation). These percentages are applied to QP prior to deposit in any vessel account and are tracked as “trawl only” QP (e.g., TSBL) and “any gear” QP (e.g., SBL).
2. On September 1 of each year all the remaining sablefish QP (TSBL + SBL) becomes “any gear” QP (SBL).
  - a. Suboptions: Aug 1, Oct 1 (instead of September 1)

SubOption 1: No Opt-out.

SubOption 2: Opt-out option for everyone. All QS account owners have a one-time opt-out designation. **By opting out 100% of the QP issued to that QS account would remain “any gear.”**

SubOption 3: Opt-out option for qualified fixed gear participants. All permits that had primarily used fixed gear have a one-time opt-out designation.

Qualifying criteria for the QS account:

- a. XX% of landings of QS account QP had been with fixed gear
- b. 100% of landings of QS account QP had been with fixed gear

SubOption 4: Use the control date for qualifying criteria for the QS account (i.e. for Suboption 3).

New entrants would be subject to the percentages applying for those that do not opt-out.

Suboption: Sunset after 10 years (at which time all QP would be issued as “any gear” (i.e, status quo), or the Council could take an affirmative action to continue the program, possibly with some adjustments). Suboption: Build in a review prior to the 10 year date.

## S-8/9 (Dooley/Sommer):

### **Gear switching limitation North of the 36 line:**

#### **Active Trawler Designation with History-Based Exemption**

- Gear switching only allowed if the vessel/permit/QS account holder (TBD) has an annual Active Trawler designation or a history-based exemption

- To qualify for an annual Active Trawler designation: vessel/permit/QS account had at least X trawl gear landings totaling at least X pounds with trawl gear in the prior calendar year(s)
    - To qualify for a history-based exemption: vessel/permit/QS account made gear-switched landings of at least X lbs of sablefish (TBD) in each of at least 3/4/5 (TBD) years prior to the control date (for analysis X = 30,000 lbs, 50,000 lbs, or 70,000 lbs)
  - Annual gear-switching limits:
    - Active trawler: X% of the annual trawl allocation of northern sablefish
    - Exempted vessel/permit/QS account:
      - Option 1: maximum amount of sablefish landed with non-trawl gear in any year between 2011 and the control date, as a % of the annual trawl allocation
      - Option 2: Less than the amount under Option 1 (TBD, intended to reduce the total potential gear-switched sablefish landings by all exempted entities to “control date footprint). Reduction could be applied immediately or phased in over 10 years.
      - Option 3: Standard vessel cap
  - Exemption expiration options:
    - Option 1: Exemption expires when the vessel/permit/QS account ownership changes (ownership-based sunset).
    - Option 2: Exemption may be transferred one or two times with a change in ownership of vessel/permit/QS account [*Staff Note: QS accounts are not transferable.*]
    - Option 3: Exemption is permanent/freely transfers
    - Option 4: Exemption expires after X years (for analysis X=5, 10, 15)
  - Active trawler designation is transferable.

### CAB - Proposal A/F (Alverson): Gear Switching Permit Endorsement – Landings Capped at Annual Vessel QP Limit (No Change)

1. Gear switching requires an endorsement on a
  - Option 1: vessel
  - Option 2: vessel’s trawl limited entry permit.
2. Qualification: To qualify for an endorsement, a trawl permit/vessel (depending on option) must have been used with a gear switching vessel prior to September 15, 2017.<sup>1</sup>
3. Each endorsed gear switching permit/vessel will have an annual vessel QP limit for sablefish caught by gear switching **equivalent to the annual vessel QP limit for sablefish** (4.5% for sablefish north and 15% for sablefish south, i.e. no special limit for gear switched vessels).
4. Gear switching endorsements transfer with the limited entry permit/vessel (depending on option).

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<sup>1</sup> The permit must have been associated with the vessel at the time the gear switching occurred.

## CAB - Proposal E (Replacement): Restrict Gear Switching and Trawl Only Harvest of Southern Sablefish Quota in the North (Leave 36° N. lat. Line).

### Incorporate as a suboption in S-8/9

1. Each vessel's annual gear-switching limit for sablefish north of 36° N. lat. is either
  - a. the annual vessel QP limit for northern sablefish (for vessels with an exemption);  
or
  - b. an amount equivalent to the QP issued for QS owned by the vessel owner<sup>2</sup> plus an additional XX% {to be determined by the Council at time of final action} of that amount but not greater than the 4.5% annual vessel QP limit
2. ~~Qualification for vessel gear switch exemption: Establish a qualifying criteria for the vessel (or person<sup>3</sup>) using the control date, existing data, and allowing ongoing participation by operations that have made capital investments.~~
3. ~~Allow Sablefish South QP to be harvested north of the 36 line but with trawl gear only.~~
  - a. ~~Catch accounting: for sablefish caught with trawl gear in the north, if a vessel has both north and south QP use northern QP first, then southern QP.~~

LE permits are not specifically addressed in Alternative E, however as mentioned in other alternatives, a limitation on the transfer of non-owned [leased?] LE permits to vessels that are participating in the trawl fishery using non-trawl gear may need to be explored.

## Southern Sablefish and Northern Gear Switching

### No Action

Status quo is always an option for southern sablefish, northern gear switching or both.

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<sup>2</sup> Would QP and QS accounts just need to share a common majority interest ownership, as in Proposal S-5, or identical ownership? Ownership linkages would be determined through a permit renewal processes, through self-identification by applicants.

<sup>3</sup> If "person" then type of permit and transferability provisions need to be specified.