

UPDATED SaMTAAC PROPOSAL DESCRIPTIONS
ALTERNATIVE 4 (PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS)

**Action Alternative 4: ~~Active Trawl or Exempted Vessel Designation Required for Substantial~~
Gear Switching**

Overview: In the area north of 36° N. lat. there will be different gear switching limits for different groups of vessels: ~~active trawlers and~~ exempted vessels and all other vessels. ~~Gear switching by all other vessels participating in the IFQ program will be prohibited north of 36° N. lat.~~ There will be qualification requirements for the ~~active trawl and~~ exempted vessel designation. ~~The active trawl designation will be transferable while the exempted vessel designation which~~ might or might not be transferable and could be phased out, depending on the options selected.

Full Description

Qualification: The following are the requirements that must be met for the ~~active trawler and~~ exempted vessel designations. The qualifying entity will be the vessel ~~or~~, limited entry permit, ~~or QS account~~ (TBD prior to or on final action) and vessel gear switching limits will be determined by the vessel's linkage to the a qualifying entity (the vessel itself or the permit). ~~ies~~ ~~Active Trawler Designation:~~

~~The vessel/permit/QS account had at least X trawl IFQ landings totaling at least X pounds with trawl gear in the prior calendar year(s)~~

Exempted Vessel Designation:

The vessel/permit/~~QS account~~ made gear-switched landings totaling at least X lbs of sablefish (TBD) in each of at least 3/4/5 years (TBD) prior to the control date (for analysis X = 30,000 lbs, 50,000 lbs, or 70,000 lbs)

Gear Switching Limits by Vessel Group: For *exempted vessels* the annual sablefish gear switching limit is:

Limit Option 1: the maximum percent amount of northern sablefish trawl allocation landed ~~while gear switching with fixed gear~~ in any year between 2011 and the control date, ~~as a percent of the annual northern sablefish trawl allocation.~~

~~**Limit Option 2:** an amount equivalent to the northern sablefish QP issued for QS owned by the vessel owner plus an additional XX% of that amount but not greater than the 4.5% annual vessel QP limit {value for XX% to be identified}.~~

Limit Option 3: 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.

Limit Option 4: Standard vessel northern sablefish QP limit (4.5%).

For all other vessels the gear switching limit is prohibited X% of the annual trawl allocation of northern sablefish.

Transferability and Expiration: ~~Active Trawler Designation:~~ Transferable with the vessel/permit/QS account.¹

Exempted Vessel Designation:

Expiration Option 1: Exemption expires when the vessel/permit/QS account ownership changes (ownership-based sunset).

Expiration Option 2: Exemption may be transferred one or two times with a change in ownership of vessel/permit/QS account¹

Expiration Option 3: Exemption is permanent/freely transfers¹

Expiration Option 4: All exemptions expires ~~after X years (for analysis X=5, 10, 15)~~one year after completion of the second full trawl catch share program review after implementation of these provisions, unless the Council takes action to extend or modify these provisions.

(Expiration Option 4 could be combined with other expiration option)

Sunset Option:

All gear switching limitation provisions expire one year after completion of the second full trawl catch share program review after implementation of these provisions, unless the Council takes action to extend or modify these provisions.

¹ QS accounts expire with changes of the ownership name on the account (but not necessarily with changes in the underlying ownership).