

# Agenda Item D.1 Gear Switching and Sablefish Area Management Scoping

## Council Action:

Decide, whether to move forward on this issue and, if so,

- A. Adopt a purpose and need statement, and
- B. Consider further development of alternatives.

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## D.1 ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council move forward with considering potential modification of regulations regarding the use of fixed gear to catch sablefish in the trawl IFQ fishery north of 36°N.

Moved by Maggie Sommer

2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Anderson

Motion passes unan.

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I move the Council adopt the statement of Purpose and Need presented in Agenda Item D.1.a SaMTAAC Report September 2020, as shown below:

This action is needed because the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program has under attained most of its allocations since the inception of the program in 2011. The under attainment for some northern stocks may be due to the allowance to use fixed gear to harvest shorebased IFQ, declining trawl vessel participation, and the lack of market and infrastructure. Specifically, participants engaging in gear switching are using northern sablefish quota that may otherwise be used by trawl gears; this may lead to uncertainty in trawl access to sablefish, thereby affecting the development of markets and infrastructure.

Working within the guidance and authority provided by the MSA (§303A(c))<sup>2</sup> and the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) goals and objectives, the purpose of this action would be to keep northern sablefish gear switching from impeding the attainment of northern IFQ allocations with trawl gear, while considering impacts on current operations and investments. Under attainment results in the Shoreside IFQ Program being unable to meet Management Goals 2 and 3 of the FMP which respectively seek to maximize the value of the groundfish resource as a whole and to achieve the maximum biological yield of the overall groundfish fishery. Additionally, this action would seek to improve the program towards the goal of Amendment 20 to the FMP, which created the Shorebased IFQ Program, of providing for full utilization of the trawl sector allocation.

Motion passes unan.

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