

LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR CATCH SHARE PROGRAM REVIEW

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires all limited access privilege programs to undergo periodic reviews at least once every seven years after the first review. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) conducted its first review of the Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) program in 2013-2014 and initiated the current review at its September 2020 meeting ([Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2, September 2020](#)). At its March 2022 meeting, the Council reviewed a draft document and adopted it for public review (Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1), including new lists of research and data needs and Council recommendations. This document was made available on the Council [Amendment 14 webpage](#) on April 18, 2022. At this meeting, the Council is expected to adopt the public review document as final, incorporating any final changes.

In addition to finalizing the review, the Council may wish to provide guidance on when they want to consider the next LEFG program review. For example, for the trawl catch share program, the Council has set a six-year cycle to avoid periods when there is a heavy groundfish workload. Overlap with other review projects might also be considered. At a minimum, the Council would need to initiate the process by September 2027.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit Stacking Program Review document**
- 2. Provide guidance on the timing of the next program review as appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit Stacking Program Review—Public Review Draft.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

- F.2 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Catch Share Program Review Jessi Doerpinghaus/Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt the Final Program Review Document