

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT ON SABLEFISH GEAR SWITCHING (SVENSSON)

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Christa Svensson [00:14:06] Thank you Mr. Chair. I move the Council add an option to Alternative 1 that drops all qualification criteria but would involve maintaining sablefish North QP as eligible to fish with any gear throughout the year until 29 percent of the sablefish North QP is taken or is projected to be taken by fixed gear vessels. This does not involve the quota conversion step but would only require inseason prohibition of fixed gear use of Northern, sablefish Northern QP.

Marc Gorelnik [00:14:41] All right, thank you. And the language on the screen is accurate and complete?

Christa Svensson [00:14:44] That is correct.

Marc Gorelnik [00:14:45] And I'll look for a second to your motion to amend. Seconded by Corey Niles. All right, so please speak to your... well it could... seconded by Corey... (laughter)... So please speak to your motion.

Christa Svensson [00:15:09] Yeah, thank you Mr. Chair. I, again I apologize that I'm bringing this up very unexpectedly to the majority of people in this room. This really happened in listening to commentary yesterday on the floor, particularly Mr. Niles, around all of us wanting to see success within the groundfish sector as a whole. And it is an opportunity to compare and contrast how people are affected by the criteria within the qualifications. I also think in speaking with fixed gear people, not all of them but many of them, this is something that they can acknowledge is possibly, based upon the analysis, a possible solution forward. There is recognition that 100 percent of the sablefish North going to fixed gear would be problematic and so this really is just the intent of getting the analysis in at what freezing the footprint would look like if we were not looking at criteria. I will say that there were consultations with Council staff that this would likely not be, correct me if I'm wrong so I will pause after this, but it would not be a tremendous lift. And again, my intention in making this motion today is to not delay June PPA providing we include an additional option that may be more palatable to some.