

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT ON SABLEFISH GEAR SWITCHING (ANDERSON #2)

This alternative is being put forward for consideration as a replacement to the sub option found in the briefing book under Council Member Report Agenda Item G.5.a. The revisions to the proposal are the result of multiple conversations I have had with council and NMFS staff and others who provided me with valuable input in response to my original sub option to Alternative Two.

It's important to note that this alternative utilizes quota pounds in a similar manner to the former Alternative Two that was removed from the ROA last November. This motion would restore that alternative but in a simplified form. The revised alternative is as follows:

Individual permit owners who qualify as legacy participants would be designated as legacy participants and their control date holdings identified. The qualifying criteria would be as specified in the current version of Alternative 2. Annually, quota pound (QP) issued to QS accounts owned by legacy participants would be issued as any-gear QP for QS in amounts up to what the legacy participant owned as of the control date. For QS in excess of a legacy participant's control date holdings, trawl-only QP and any-gear QP would be issued in the same proportions as for accounts not owned by legacy participants.

QP's issued annually for the remainder of the QS accounts would be designated as any-gear and trawl-only QP's in a proportion such that the total any-gear QPs issued each year would be 29 percent of the trawl allocation.

All QS and QP would remain fully transferable.

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