

TRAWL CATCH SHARE REVIEW —

FINAL REPORT AND
PRELIMINARY RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES ON
FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS

1. ADOPT FINAL CATCH SHARE REVIEW REPORT
2. PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON PRELIMINARY RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS

Council Actions

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

- Supp Attachment 7 – Sablefish Area and Gear Switching Process
- Supp Attachment 8 – Sablefish Area and Gear Switching Alternatives
- Supp NMFS Report
- Supp CAB Report
- Supp GMT Report
- Supp GAP Report
- Supp Public Comment 2, 3, 4 ...



1. ADOPT FINAL CATCH SHARE REVIEW REPORT

Council Action

PROCESS

- ✓ Council Approved ES and Sections 1-3 in June (Att 2 & 3)
- ✓ Released to the Public in August
- ✓ Sections 4 and 5 Approved in September and Immediately Released (Attachment 4)
- ✓ Public Comment Closed October 19
- ✓ Proposed Restructuring of Section 4 (Attachment 5)
Same topics – eliminates halibut mortality R&D need



SECTION 4 – RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

Data Needs

- Expand current Economic Data Collection Program (EDC) with a QS owner survey
- Collect catcher-processor ownership information as part of annual permit renewal
- Assess feasibility of collecting additional information on program costs.
- QA/QC on “payments” for quota transfers



SECTION 4 – RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS

Research Needs

- Analyze Aggregate Limits and Impacts on Attainment
- Research on Causes of Changes under Catch Shares
- Research on Feasibility of Less than 100% At-sea and Shoreside Monitoring (e.g. reduce shoreside monitoring).
- Evaluate Impacts of Southern Sablefish Harvest



CHAPTER 5 – TYPES OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Council Process – e.g. Development of Next Review or Review Schedule
- Topics for Future Council Action (non regulatory) – e.g. Revisit Existing Objectives
- Topics for Possible Future Council Action (regulatory) – e.g. Include the List of Current Follow-on Actions.
- Topics for Non-regulatory NMFS Action – e.g. conduct outreach to fishermen on price reporting



CHAPTER 5 – CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Modify Review Schedule
- Implement an EDC Survey of QS Owners



FINAL APPROVAL

Approve but allow authors latitude to make revisions to address minor edits or data corrections that become apparent during final editing.



**2. PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON
PRELIMINARY RANGE OF
ALTERNATIVES FOR
FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS**

Council Action

SUMMARY OF TOPICS/ISSUES, ALTERNATIVES, AND PROCESSES

1. At-Sea Whiting Fishery Bycatch Needs

- a. Set-aside Management
 - Darkblotched and POP (Spex) – Widow and Canary (follow-on)
- b. Increasing Amounts Available for Harvest (Spex)
- c. Between Sector Quota Pound Trading (Omnibus)
- d. Allocations – Within Trawl and Trawl/Nontrawl (Follow-on)
 - Interaction with set asides decision – Assignment to GAC
- e. Carryover of At-sea Set-asides (Spex – in Connection with ACL Carryover)



SUMMARY OF TOPICS/ISSUES, ALTERNATIVES, AND PROCESSES

2. Trawl Sablefish Area Management and Gear Switching

(follow-on)

- Alternatives
 - Alt 1. Status quo
 - Alt 2. Remove 36 line for trawl
 - Alt 3. Remove 36 line and “mitigate” (i.e. limit gear switching)
 - Alt 4. Restrict gear switching (no change to line)
- Two Needs (Area Conflicts and Sablefish North), Same Alternatives
- Supp Attachments 7 & 8
 - Process & considerations for limiting gear switching
 - Summary of the gear switching options (Attachment 8)



SUMMARY OF TOPICS/ISSUES, ALTERNATIVES, AND PROCESSES

3. Shorebased IFQ Accumulation Limits

- a. Aggregate Nonwhiting Control Limits
(Follow-on – analysis needed)
- b. Individual Species Vessel QP Limits (Spex)
- c. Daily QP Limits (Spex)
- d. Weightings Used to Calculate Aggregate Limits
(Follow-on – analysis needed)



SUMMARY OF TOPICS/ISSUES, ALTERNATIVES, AND PROCESSES

4. Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Complex Needs

a. Fleet Level

▪ Alternatives

- Alt 1. Status quo
- Alt 2. Allow post season trading (for deficit accounts) (Follow-on)
- Alt 3. Raise annual vessel limits (Follow-on – but also in Spex)
- Alt 4. Eliminate Sept 1st Expiration (Follow-on)
- Alt 5. Increase Carryover (Spex – in Connection with ACL Carryover)

b. Vessel Level

▪ Alternatives

- Alt 1. Status quo
- Alt 2. Relief from QP limits in post-season trading (Follow-on)



SUMMARY OF TOPICS/ISSUES, ALTERNATIVES, AND PROCESSES

5. Catcher-Processor Sector Accumulation Limits (follow-on)

a. CP Permit Ownership Limit

- Alternatives

- Alt 1. Status quo
- Alt 2. 4 permit limit

b. CP Processing Limit

- Alternatives

- Alt 1. Status quo
- Alt 2. 45%



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6. AMP QP Pass-through (Spex)

Alternatives

- Alt 1. Status quo
- Alt 2. Continue pass-thru until changed



CONCLUSION – DEVELOPMENT OF RANGE OF ALTERNATIVE

- A number of items will be addressed under the spex management measures (F.9)
- For many items, the range of alternatives are fairly well identified
 - Individual species vessel limits – waiting on similar item under the spex
- A few will require substantial effort to develop the range of alternatives
 - Trawl/Nontrawl Allocations – in September the Council referred to GAC
 - Aggregate nonwhiting control limit and weightings used to calculate aggregate holdings
 - Gear switching

