

**Agenda Item G.3, Five-Year Catch Share
Follow-On Action FMP and Regulatory
Amendments -- Final Action
Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt final preferred alternatives (FPA) for the five-year catch share program follow-on actions**
- 2. Adopt FMP amendment language for FPA related to at-sea whiting fishery bycatch needs, including housekeeping changes, as appropriate**
- 3. Provide other guidance, as necessary**

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I move that the Council adopt the following as Final Preferred Alternatives (FPA's) for the Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program 5-Year Review Follow-On Actions as described in Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1:

1. At-Sea Whiting Fishery Bycatch Needs and Set-Aside Management – Alt. 4: Set-aside management for all four species (POP, darkblotched, widow, and canary rockfish); remove at-sea set-aside distributions from the FMP.

In addition, specify that the existing formulas for determining the at-sea set-aside amounts will be used to establish set-aside amounts in the biennial specifications and management measures process unless the Council takes action to change the formulas or specify different amounts.

2. Shorebased IFQ Sector Harvest Complex Needs – Alt. 2: Allow post-season trading for accounts in deficit with the sub-option to not limit vessels by the annual vessel QP use limits in covering their previous year deficits as a default, and assess whether or not to exclude any stocks from the exemptions to vessel limits during post-season trading through the biennial process. Post-season trading will be allowed between January 1 and a cut-off date to be determined by NMFS.

And Alt. 3: Eliminate September 1st QP expiration for QP not transferred to vessel.

3. New Data Collections for QS Owners – Alt. 4: NMFS would implement a system for collection of these data, and the Council recommends that NMFS identify the most efficient and effective way to conduct the collections

And adopt FMP amendment language for the FPA related to at-sea whiting fishery bycatch needs, including housekeeping changes, as shown in G.3, Attachment 1, with the addition of new language highlighted below:

Set-Aside Amounts for At-sea Sectors Allocation of Select Groundfish Species

Under Amendment 20, the at-sea whiting sectors (i.e., catcher-processors and motherships) are managed in a system of sector-specific harvest cooperatives. ~~Each at-sea whiting sector will manage their bycatch of canary rockfish and widow rockfish using sector-specific total catch limits.~~ For the at-sea sectors, groundfish species other than whiting are managed as set asides, amounts for which are based on the best available information on bycatch by these sectors **and other relevant factors, including, but not limited to, status of the set-aside stocks, expected utilization in other sectors of the fishery, and expected management conditions in any sector in upcoming fishing years**, as determined in the biennial harvest specifications and management measures decision process. The sector allocations of these select groundfish species under Amendment 21 and Amendment 21-3 is as follows: The set aside amounts come from the trawl allocation, with the remainder (after deducting the set-asides) going to the shoreside sector allocation.

Moved by Maggie Sommer

2nd by Brad Pettinger

Motion carried unan.

I move that the Council adopt the following as the Final Preferred Alternatives (FPA) for the Catcher-Processor (CP) sector as described in Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1:

1. CP Accumulation Limit

- a. Implementation: Alt. 4: Apply accumulation limits only if the co-op dissolves and the IFQ program is implemented for the CP sector**
- b. CP Permit Limit: Alt. 2: Establish a five-permit limit; in assigning permit ownership rule, use approach described in NMFS regulations at 660.140 (i.e., apply the concepts of control and ownership in the shorebased IFQ program to the CP permit limit)**
- c. CP Processing Limit: Alt. 1: No Action**

2. New Data Collections for CPs

- a. CPs: Alt. 2: Collect detailed Catcher-Processor ownership data annually**

Moved by Corey Niles; 2nd by Rich Lincoln

Motion carried unan.

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