

NPFC Motion October 2004

Halibut IFQ/CDQ in Area 4C/4D Amendment Analysis

(changes made at the October 2004 Council meeting indicated in bold)

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Allow holders of Area 4C IFQ and CDQ to harvest such IFQ/CDQ in Area 4D. **At the end of the 3rd year after implementation, the action will be evaluated.**

Halibut and Sablefish IFQ program Amendments

(changes made at the October Council meeting indicated in bold)

Action 1. Allow the use of medical transfers.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Allow medical transfers.

Evidence of qualifying medical conditions

Option 1: State or Federal certified medical professional

Option 2: Licensed medical doctor or their representative

Limits to medical transfer:

Option 1. 3 out of 6 years

Option 2. 2 out of 5 years

Action 2. Tighten the criteria allowing the use of hired skippers.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. To use the hired skipper exception, a QS holder must demonstrate at least a 20% vessel owner interest in the vessel to be used and have continuously owned the vessel as documented by the contemporary abstract of title for the previous:

a. 6 months

b. 12 months

c. 24 months

d. year to date plus previous calendar year

Option to allow for replacement vessel in the event of a constructive loss

Action 3. Add vessel clearance requirements to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands sablefish fisheries.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Add vessel clearance requirements to the BS and AI sablefish regulations.

Option 1. Add check-in/check-out for the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea sablefish fishery (Dutch Harbor, Adak, St Paul, St George, **Atka, Akutan**)

Option 2. Require VMS when fishing in the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea sablefish fishery

Action 4. Amend the sablefish product recovery rate for bled sablefish.

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Change product recovery rate from 0.98 to 1.0.

Alternative 3. Change product recovery rate from 0.98 to 0.99.

Action 5. Amend the halibut block program in Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Increase block limits to 3 or 4 blocks

a) **Limit is 3 blocks unless unblocked QS is held, in which case the limit is 1 block**

b) **Limit is 3 blocks unless unblocked QS is held, in which case the limit is 2 block**

c) **Limit is 4 blocks unless unblocked QS is held, in which case the limit is 2 block**

d) **Limit is 4 blocks unless unblocked QS is held, in which case the limit is 3 block**

Alternative 3. Unblock all QS blocks that yield more than 20,000 lb

Alternative 4. Allow blocked QS greater than 20,000 lb to be divided into smaller blocks

Alternative 5. Increase the Areas 2C and 3A halibut sweep-up level to the 5,000 lb equivalent in 1996 QS units.

Action 6. Amend Area 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D halibut quota share categories

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Allow IFQ derived from D category QS to be fished on C category vessels

Alternative 3. Allow IFQ derived from D category QS to be fished on C or B category vessels

Alternative 4. Combine C and D category QS

Action 7. Amend fish down regulations for Area 2C halibut and Southeast Outside District sablefish

Alternative 1. No action.

Alternative 2. Eliminate the exception to the fish down regulations for Area 2C halibut and Southeast area sablefish