

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Catch Share Plans

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Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Commercial Halibut IFQ (1995)

Small vessel fishery with strong coastal community ties. Program elements designed to allow efficiency gains and limited consolidation while maintaining coastal community structures and fleet composition, increase safety, end derby (from as short as 24 hours to 10 months).

- Allocation of shares to individual vessel owners
- Vessel type and size categories for QS
- Owner-on-board requirements (some categories)
- Limits on leasing/transferability (across categories)
- Caps on share holding and use (individual and vessel level)
- Block program (for entry and consolidation)
- Loan program (for entry and small vessels)
- Community purchase program
(for remote coastal communities)



Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Commercial Halibut IFQ – Pending Changes

Changes passed by the Council awaiting proposed rule:

- Charter halibut program (including provision for IFQ acquisition by charter participants)

Amendments in development:

- Revisions to hired skipper requirements
- Allowing halibut retention when targeting sablefish in one mgmt area
- Allowing use of pots in the Gulf of Alaska sablefish fishery
- Measure to address unharvested quota in one area
- Removal of block program on large vessel shares in the sablefish fishery
- Revision to large vessel sablefish use caps
- Modification to make small vessel shares available for community purchase under the community purchase program
- Addition of 4 communities to community purchase program

Possible future issues:

- Further adapting charter fishery to coordinate with commercial IFQ program
- Evaluating possible community program for western Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Cooperative (1999)

High-volume, industrial fishery. Important on-shore and at-sea processing components. Rationalization to address allocation conflicts, end derby, increase utilization/recovery rates, improve safety.

- Allocation of shares to cooperatives (112 vessels in 8 onshore processor co-ops, plus 14 vessels in 1 offshore catcher/processor co-op)
- Closed class of harvesters and processors
- Cooperative/processor associations based on historical landing patterns
- Sideboards to limit encroachment on other fisheries
- Limited mobility to move among cooperatives or deliver to other processors
- High degree of fleet 'self-management' thru approved contract agreements
- Share holding caps for harvesters and processors



Bering Sea Pollock Fishery Cooperative

Pending Changes

Changes passed by the Council awaiting proposed rule:

- Chinook salmon bycatch measures (includes cooperative allocations)
- Economic data collection for evaluation of Chinook salmon bycatch measures

Amendments in development:

- Chum salmon bycatch measures





Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (2005)

Industrial fishery with strong on-shore processing and community links. Design intended to end derby, promote economic efficiencies, maintain landing & processing patterns, & improve safety.

- Harvester IFQs to license holders
90% "A shares" - subject to regional & processor share delivery requirements; 10 percent "B shares" - free of delivery requirements)
- Processor IPQs (one-to-one correspondence to "A shares")
- 15 harvest cooperatives coordinate catch from 100 vessels across 26 processors
- Price arbitration process (A share landings)
- Crew share allocation (3% of B shares)
- Liberal transfer among co-ops
- Share holding and use caps for persons, vessels, and processors
- Data collection and comprehensive review

Crab Fisheries

Western Aleutians golden king crab
Eastern Aleutians golden king crab
Western Aleutians red king crab
Bristol Bay red king crab
Pribilof red and blue king crab
St. Matthew blue king crab
Bering Sea snow crab
Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab
Western Bering Sea Tanner crab

Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (2005)

Changes passed by the Council awaiting proposed rule:

- Crew share active participation requirements for share purchase and share holding (passed April 2008)
- Amendments to the arbitration program (passed April 2008)
- Western Aleutian golden king crab (passed April 2010)
- Crew loan program (included in original program in 2004 followed by Council program recommendations made February 2008)

Amendments in development:

Major program amendment package, which could include:

- Conversion of owner QS, and possibly PQS, to crew QS
- Regional Fishery Association to benefit crews
- Revisions to IPQ thresholds (capping the annual amount of processor shares issued)
- Revisions to community rights of first refusal on processor share transfers
- Exemption from regional landing requirements (primarily for safety purposes)
- Economic Data Collection program revisions
- Sideboard revisions for crab vessels participating in the Gulf of Alaska cod fishery

Additional Analyses:

- 5 year review of program, including: analysis of program operation and economic performance, social impact analysis concerning community effects, safety effects, and environmental and biological effects

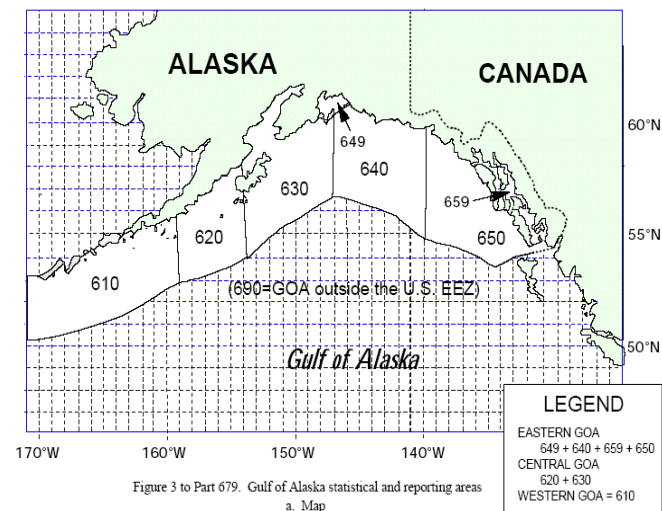
Possible future issues:

- Community loan program to support community share purchases

Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Pilot (2006)

*Mid-size trawl vessel fishery with both shore-based and at-sea fleets.
Rationalization intended to promote economic efficiency by maximizing total value,
reduce bycatch, and test feasibility of multi-species management.*

- 5 year Congressional authorization
- Allocations to cooperatives
- Limited access for non-members of cooperatives
- Processor/cooperative associations (with no harvester mobility)
- Allocations include high value incidental catch species (sablefish, Pacific cod, shortraker, roughey, and thornyhead rockfish) and non-retainable halibut bycatch
- Share holding and use caps on persons and vessels
- Comprehensive review



Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish

Pending Changes

Amendments in development:

- Comprehensive program to substitute for the expiring pilot program (scheduled for action in June 2010)

Possible future issue:

- Economic data collection program

Pappalardo's cousin?





BSAI non-pollock trawl catcher processors (2008)

Small, homogenous fleet of medium to large catcher/processors. Minimal direct ties to communities. Rationalization intended to facilitate reduction of bycatch and discards (to meet minimum retention standards), promote economic efficiencies, and improve safety.

- Allocations to one or more cooperatives
- Includes target species, incidental catch species, and halibut bycatch allowances
- Limited access for non-members
- Share holding and use caps on persons and vessels
- Liberal transfer among cooperatives
- Data collection and review provisions

Best Use Cooperative, 2009

16 of 28 qualified vessels

Quota allocated to cooperative

41% of Pacific ocean perch

88% of flathead sole

75% of rock sole

60% of yellowfin sole

42% of Atka mackerel

BSAI non-pollock trawl catcher Processors - Pending Changes

Changes passed by the Council awaiting proposed rule:
Revision to cooperative formation requirements

Amendments in development:

- Vessel replacement program
- Economic data collection program revisions

Possible future actions:

- Revision to the groundfish retention standard requirements

