

**Draft IFQ Implementation Team Motions**  
**7 proposals approved for Council consideration**  
**September 30, 2009**

**1. Allow the retention of coincidentally harvested halibut during the Bering Sea sablefish pot fishery (Mr Hebert)**

Motion: Recommend that this proposal be analyzed, with no proposed changes to the regulations for tunnel requirements, so that Area 4A halibut could be retained while targeting sablefish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands regulatory areas.

*Passed* unanimously

**2. Allow the use of pots in the Gulf of Alaska Southeast area sablefish fishery (Michael Douville)**

Motion: Recommend that the proposal has merit for Council review and analysis. If the Council adopts this proposal for analysis the team recommended that the proposal be expanded to the GOA, and the analysis should address the following issues: 1) restrictions to gear usage (a) single v longline pots, b) pots retained on grounds for long soaks v retrieved during deliveries, c) pot storage, d) gear configuration requirements; e) gear conflicts, f) use the 200 fathom depth contour to mark open areas, g) pot soak time slot; 2) area management (SE v GOA); 3) exacerbation of halibut mortality; 4) dynamic(social/economic) effects, including a) small vessels could not safely use pots, b) crew employment, c) QS prices; d) ongoing acoustic research for avoiding whale depredation.

*Passed* 10:1

**3. Allow Area 4B Category D quota shares to be fished on Category C vessels (Robert Snell)**

Motion: Recommend this proposal for Council consideration, noting that the proposed action to allow 4B category D shares to be fished on Category C vessels is similar to action that was implemented for Area 4C and 3B.

*Passed* unanimously

**4. Amend grandfather/hired skipper privileges in the halibut/sablefish fishery to sunset these rights, on any future quota which is bought/traded/gifted (Frank Miles)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider sunsetting the hired skipper provisions for halibut and sablefish QS transferred by individual initial recipients, excluding leased (A) shares (*rewritten proposal*).

*Passed* 9:1:1

**5. Amend IFQ halibut/sablefish loan program to reduce 20% down payment requirement to 10% down payment requirement (Frank Miles)**

The committee took *no action* because staff reported that the Council does not have the authority to amend these regulations.

**6. Allow Adak to use its crab royalties to buy Area 4B halibut IFQ and Aleutian Islands area sablefish IFQ for use by local fishermen (add Adak to the CQE program) (Michael Swetzof)**

A specific proposal was not received. Bob asked if this would be the only Area 4 CQE and what caps would apply. Nicole Kimball responded that the proposal was vague and the analysis could apply the current CQE provisions. Bob suggested he would not want to expand CQE privileges beyond those in place for any current CQE. He pointed out that ACDC can now use their royalties to buy 4B halibut IFQ and AI sablefish IFQ for community members

The team unanimously agreed to recommend that the Council take *no action* since a specific proposal was not received.

## **7. Eliminate vessel limitations for CQEs (GOACCC)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider eliminating vessel limits for CQEs.

*Passed* unanimously.

## **8. Change in residency requirements for CQEs (GOACCC)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider two alternatives for changing residency requirements for CQEs (restated proposal):

- 1) 6 month residency requirement
- 2) Affidavit process that applicant be a permanent resident within the community in which they are applying for a CQE permit for 12 consecutive months within 36 months of their application. If they fail the residency requirement, they forego their opportunity to get a lease in perpetuity.

*Failed* 2:8 (1 absent)

## **9. Allow CQE communities to purchase QS in all vessel categories (GOACCC)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider the proposal.

*Failed* 2:7:1 (1 absent)

## **10. Remove block system for sablefish A shares and increase sablefish A (only) cap (Dave Little, Clipper Seafoods)**

a) Motion: Recommend that the Council consider removing the block program for sablefish A shares.

*Failed* 3:7:1

b) Motion: Recommend that the Council consider exempting A shares from the overall sablefish use cap and apply a use cap at between 1.25% to 1.5% of the current use cap for vessels that ONLY fish A shares (no catcher vessel QS onboard) and regardless of whether the sablefish harvest was processed.

*Passed* 9:2

## **11. Create a new category of vessel known as a heritage vessel, defined as any vessel 100 gross tons and less and more than 50 years old and which would be allowed to fish either C Class or B Class quota. (Pert Odegaard)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider this proposal.

*Failed* 5:6

## **12. Exempt second generation sablefish QS holders from two block limit (Deep Sea Fishermen's Union)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider limiting the current halibut and sablefish block limits to initial recipients only.

*Failed* 3:8

## **13. Allow second generation who have actively held and fished for 10 years and hold at least 10,000 lb of halibut or sablefish IFQ to obtain first generation rights (John Crowley)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider this proposal for analysis.

*Failed* 2:9.

## **14. Exempt D class vessels (or those under 26 ft) delivering less than 300, 500, or 1000 lb of halibut to be either exempt from 3-hour notice to deliver or implement a less burdensome notice to deliver (one hour) for qualified vessel deliveries (Jeff Farvour)**

Motion: Recommend that the Council consider allowing vessels less than 26 ft that deliver  $\leq$  500 lb of halibut IFQ to provide 1-hour notice of delivery.

*Passed* 10:1