

Summary of Alternatives in Squid Amendment

No action is always an alternative, either overall or for any one issue. These alternatives will be further developed and analyzed, and a public hearing document will be reviewed by the Council in February 2016, with public hearings likely in spring 2016 and final action in summer 2016.

Longfin Squid (aka Loligo) Permit Alternatives

Re-qualification alternatives for longfin squid moratorium/limited access permit (for b-d, all of 2013 would count for landings - there was a May 16, 2013 control date published):

- a. 1997-2015, 10,000-pound best year threshold
- b. 1997-2013, 10,000-pound best year threshold
- c. 2003-2013, 25,000-pound best year threshold
- d. 1997-2013, 50,000-pound average threshold

There will be an option along the lines that if an entity currently has multiple moratorium longfin squid permits and is going to lose at least one, then it could pick which vessel(s) will retain the moratorium longfin squid permit during requalification. Staff is working on the details of this option.

Make the incidental permit limited access (currently has a 2,500-pound trip limit). Qualifying options:

- a. 1997-2013, 2,500-pound best year threshold
- b. 1997-2013, 5,000-pound best year threshold

Create a new open-access permit with the following options for trip limits:

- a. 250 pounds
- b. 500 pounds

There will be an option that if a vessel that currently has a moratorium longfin squid permit does not re-qualify, it would automatically get the new limited access incidental permit (if the Council makes the current incidental permit limited access).

Longfin Squid Trimester Alternatives

- a. Eliminate roll-over from T1 to T2 (all un-caught T1 quota would go to T3)
- b. Reduce maximum T2 rollover to ~2 mil pounds (currently ~4 mil pounds)
- c. Once T2 quota reached, go to a 250-pound trip limit in Federal waters
- d. Once T2 quota reached, go to a 500-pound trip limit in Federal waters
- e. Split the Trimester 2 quota, with half available May 1, and additional half available July 1.

The Council also requested that a letter be sent to the states to request that states mirror the federal regulations during closures (Massachusetts does this currently).

Illex Squid Permit Alternatives

Re-qualification alternatives for *Illex* squid moratorium/limited access permit (for b-e, all of 2013 would count for landings - there was an Aug 2, 2013 control date published):

- a. 1997-2015, 10,000-pound best year threshold
- b. 1997-2013, 10,000-pound best year threshold
- c. 1997-2013, 50,000-pound best year threshold
- d. 1997-2013, 100,000-pound best year threshold
- e. 1997-2013, 200,000-pound best year threshold

There will be an option along the lines that if an entity currently has multiple moratorium *Illex* squid permits and is going to lose at least one, then it could pick which vessel(s) will retain the moratorium *Illex* squid permit during requalification. Staff is working on the details of this option.

Non-re-qualifying vessels would be eligible for an open-access incidental permit.