

Council Motion
C1 IFQ Omnibus
April 6, 2022

The council adopts alternative 2: Revise IFQ program regulations to the address the following regulatory clarifications

Element 1: Clarify that “slinky pots” are a legal gear for the IFQ fishery and CDQ fisheries, and revise regulations to allow the use of biodegradable twine in the door latch or pot tunnel.

Element 2: Remove buoy configuration, radar reflector, and flagpole requirements in regulation but retain “LP” marking requirement.

Element 3: Authorize jig gear as a legal gear type for the harvest of sablefish IFQ and CDQ.

Element 4: Revise the pot gear configuration requirements to remove the nine-inch maximum width of tunnel opening so it does not apply when a vessel begins a trip with unfished halibut IFQ onboard.

~~Option: Remove the nine-inch maximum width of the tunnel opening for vessels targeting IFQ sablefish.~~

Element 5: Pot Limits

~~Option 1: Change the Pot Limit for Western Yakutat and/or Southeast Outside to~~

~~Suboption a) 160 pots per vessel~~

~~Suboption b) 200 pots per vessel~~

~~Suboption c) 300 pots per vessel~~

Element 6: Gear Retrieval requirements

~~Option 1: Remove the gear retrieval requirement~~

Option 2: Modify the gear retrieval requirement to 7 days for the CG all GOA areas.

Suboption: ~~3~~ 5 days in SEO

Alternative 3: Remove Adak CQE residency requirement for a period of five years.

~~Note: Alternatives 2 and 3 are not mutually exclusive~~

The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c).

The Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chairman to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.