
ADVISORY PANEL D2 MOTION



D2 SABLEFISH OVERAGES

The AP recommends the Council develop an expanded discussion paper further considering management tools and accountability measures to mitigate trawl sablefish overages, and expand it to include similar overages in p.cod. The paper should address the following:

- Include options to use a bycatch or incidental catch rate that may reflect the current MRA percentages as a baseline starting point to trigger accountability measures (AM) when a sector exceeds an allocation. These AM could be further refined as the Council determines the parameters of AM.
- Examine incidental or bycatch accrual rates against target catch over a time series, provide the Council data on when incidental rates of catch increase and methods to mitigate.
- ³Include a more thorough exploration of observer or dockside sampling of the size, volume and percentage of sablefish in comparison to target species landed when the sector in question is over an MRA or allocation. Further data of sablefish catch in the trawl sector could aid in the stock assessment, and inform the authors if there are biological concerns with catches that exceed allocations.

Amendment 3 (to edit bullet 3) passed 10-7

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- Examine how these AM could be applied on a sector-specific level to similar overages occurring in incidental catch of p.cod, and how those additional AM would affect directed p.cod fisheries currently impacted by overages.-
- Examine how these tools could be applied to other species and programs experiencing similar management challenges, and where catch rates become unmanageable at the co-op level and exceed allocations or MRA's.
- An expanded discussion of potential incentives for inter-coop agreements and incentive plans. Additional discussion is needed of management measures that would provide the necessary incentive to reduce sector overages.
- **(1)Consider whether the TAC for sablefish is set at the appropriate level for current sablefish biomass**

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