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# ADVISORY PANEL MOTIONS C2, C3, & D1

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## C2 IFQ OMNIBUS (1/3)

The AP recommends releasing the analysis for final action with the following changes to elements and options. Additions are shown in **bold underline** and deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

### **Purpose and Need:**

IFQ stakeholders, the IFQ Committee, and NMFS have identified regulatory revisions that could increase operational efficiency, reduce administrative burden, and clarify how harvesters can meet existing regulatory requirements. In addition, the Council is considering revisions to pot limits and gear tending restrictions also identified through the recent 3-year GOA sablefish pot review to determine whether they are serving their intended purpose.

The Community Quota Entity (CQE) program was modified in 2014 to include the Aleutian Islands. This allowed the community of Adak to form a CQE and purchase halibut and sablefish quota. Since the implementation of the Aleutian Islands CQE in 2014, Adak has faced challenges being able to harvest its IFQ. The Council is considering temporarily broadening who is eligible to harvest IFQ held by the Adak CQE to provide more opportunities for more fully harvesting its allocation.



# C2 IFQ OMNIBUS (2/3)

## Alternatives

Alternative 1: No action

Alternative 2: Revise IFQ/CDQ program regulations to address the following regulatory clarifications

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

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

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

Element 4: Revise the pot gear configuration requirements to remove the 9-inch maximum width of tunnel opening so it does not apply when the vessel begins a trip with ~~has~~ unfished halibut IFQ onboard.

**Option: Remove the 9-inch maximum width of the tunnel opening for sablefish pots.**

Element 5: Pot Limits

Option 1: Change the Pot Limit for Western Yakutat (WY) and/or Southeast Outside (SEO) to

**Suboption 1) 160 pots per vessel**

**Suboption 2) 180-200 pots per vessel**

Suboption 3) 300 pots per vessel



## C2 IFQ OMNIBUS (3/3)

Element 6: Gear Retrieval requirements

Option 1: Remove the gear retrieval requirement

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

Suboption: 3 days in SEO

**<sup>2</sup>Option 3. Maintain the current gear retrieval requirement of 5 days for the CGOA**

**<sup>1</sup>Element 7 clarify regulations so that vessels may record trip information for both pot and hook-and-line gear in the same logbook.**

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

Note: Alternatives 2 and 3 are not mutually exclusive.

*Amendment 1 passed 20-0*

*Amendment 2 passed 20-0*

*Main Motion as amended 20-0*



# C3 RQE FUNDING

The AP recommends the Council identify the following Alternative and Options as its Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA):

**Alternative 2:** Establish a fee collection program for charter vessel operators to fund the recreational quota entity.

*Option 1: Charter Halibut Stamp*

The AP also recommends that the Charter Halibut Committee review the document and present its recommendations to Council Staff, AP, and Council prior to final action.

*Motion passed 19-1*



# D1 HALIBUT CSP WORKPLAN

The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed Workplan <sup>2</sup>**with the addition of analyses on potential allocation shifts as a result of QS purchase by the RQE** and tentative scheduling for the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in IPHC Areas 2C and 3A.

~~<sup>1</sup> The Halibut Catch Sharing Plan Allocation Review Workplan should also take a comprehensive look at halibut bycatch removals by the groundfish sector in the GOA, the effects of such removals on the halibut allocations in relation to the charter and IFQ halibut fisheries and the potential for reallocation of halibut bycatch removals to the charter sector before reallocation of halibut PSC within the groundfish sector.~~

*Amendment<sup>1</sup> fails 8-10*

*Amendment<sup>2</sup> passed 14-4*

*Main Motion as amended passed 19-0*

