

ADVISORY PANEL
Motions and Rationale
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D1 Halibut CSP Workplan

The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed Workplan ²**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.

~~¹ 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.~~

Amendment¹ fails 8-10

Amendment² passed 14-4

Main Motion as amended passed 19-0

Rationale in Opposition to Amendment 1

- *The requested information is outside the scope of the halibut CSP allocation review specific to the ITQ and Charter halibut fisheries. The proposed Workplan will provide an overview of the management process for halibut as well as removals of halibut. Information requested in this amendment will not alter or affect the Catch Sharing Plan and will only serve to slow the review process down.*
- *Any actions related to halibut bycatch in the GOA groundfish fisheries would fall under a separate action/FMP amendment (for purposes of this meeting requesting information related to a new management action would be more appropriate under Staff Tasking).*
- *Per the IPHC/Council management processes, bycatch and subsistence amounts for halibut are removed at the beginning when determining total IFQ and charter harvest levels. There is no mechanism within these processes to provide halibut bycatch savings to just the charter halibut sector.*

Rationale in Favor of Amendment 1

- *It is important to look at fisheries management in a holistic way, and this would inform all the sources of removals to be considered in the catch sharing plan review. It also gives direction to staff to provide additional information that is of interest to many stakeholders.*

Rationale in Favor of Amendment 2

- *Public and written testimony asked analyses of allocation shifts by RQE be added to the Workplan for a more holistic view of allocations between the IFQ and Charter sectors.*

Rationale in Opposition to Amendment 2

- *A review is not an analysis and does not contain action alternatives/options for consideration. After a review is complete action may be considered at that time, which would include a set of management alternatives/options for consideration. Any discussion of allocation shifts (reallocation) are more appropriately placed at a future analytical level (as potential alternatives) and not at the current review level.*
- *Without a funding mechanism the RQE is not a functioning program and it would be difficult to analyze a program that isn't in place. Depending upon the outcome of the CSP review, information/analysis of the RQE will likely be important for consideration at that time. Additionally, the RQE may be further developed by that time thus providing even more information for consideration.*

Rationale in Favor of Main Motion as Amended

- *The proposed Workplan will allow analysts to provide a thorough review of the halibut Catch Sharing Plan. While the NOAA timing trigger has been met for necessitating a review, the environment and management regime for halibut has changed substantially over recent years thus making the review even more significant.*