



D4 IFQ Committee Report

April 2021 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Sam Cunningham
Other Presenters: Alicia Miller (NMFS SF), Sarah Marrinan
Action Required: 1. Review Committee report
2. Action as necessary

BACKGROUND

The IFQ Committee met on March 25 and 26 via webconference. The meeting eAgenda and all submitted written public comments are available at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1853>; the meeting report is posted under the D4 agenda item. Prior to the presentation of this report, the Council will have received a summary of the IFQ Committee's discussion and deliberations pertaining to agenda items D1 (GOA Sablefish IFQ Pot Fishery 3-Year Review) and D2 (IFQ Access Opportunities Discussion Paper).

The Committee received informational reports on 2020 IFQ Cost Recovery and on an in-progress survey by IPHC that is part of a project to characterize the broad economic impact of commercial and non-commercial fishing throughout the Pacific halibut range. The Committee also received status updates on emergency rule requests from the February 2021 Council meeting (see NMFS [website](#)).

The Committee received staff reports on two of the action items at this Council meeting (D1 and D2). The meeting report summarizes the discussion of those items, and also a prioritization exercise for a series of recommendations resulting from these actions as well as other potential IFQ action items that were raised at the Committee. Recommendations are noted in the meeting report; a summary plot of Committee members' in-meeting poll responses is provided below.

Finally, the Committee received a report from NMFS and AKFIN staff on a "beta" version of an IFQ Report to the Fleet that would bring back some of the summary information that was available annually until the Report was discontinued in 2012. This effort is responsive to Council and AP requests; it was offered in a draft format to receive Committee feedback. The ultimate goal is to create a web-based annual data report that meets stakeholders' needs and is updated more frequently than the mandated IFQ Program Reviews.

