

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
C6 Halibut and Sablefish IFQ Program Review motion
October 8, 2016

The Council directs the IFQ Implementation Committee to evaluate the following issues and provide recommendations to the Council on potential future revisions to the IFQ program:

- Sweep-ups of small blocked QS units;
- Use of the medical lease provision;
- Definition of “immediate family member” under the beneficiary lease provision;
- Impacts of quota share loss on Alaska’s rural communities and further explore geographic distribution of quota ownership. Additionally, define rural communities by several population sizes (such as 1,500, 2,500 and 7,500) to better understand how population dynamics have resulted in different outcomes for rural community IFQ participation. This could also include examining the impacts on Alaska communities by region.
- Geographic distribution of new entrant quota ownership;
- Use of hired masters in the IFQ fisheries; and
- The IFQ committee should bring forward to the Council any further concerns that they find in the document.

In addition, NMFS intends to undertake revisions to IFQ Program regulations to update administrative appeals and initial quota share issuance regulations.