

**DRAFT
CHARTER IFQ COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 2, 2000**

The Halibut IFQ Committee convened at approximately 1 pm. Chairman Dave Hanson, Committee members: Brett Huber, Jim Preston, Steve Campbell, Bob Ward, Seth Bone, Tim Evers and Technical advisors: Don Lane, David Brindle, Mark Lundsten, Arne Fuglvog. Council member Kevin Duffy attended part of the meeting. Staff present included Jane DiCosimo, Chuck Hamel, Rob Bentz, Jim Hale, Phil Smith, Jay Ginter, Gregg Williams and Earl Krygier. Eight members of the public attended.

Community set-aside

The committee recommended not adopting the GOACCC proposal to set-aside charter IFQs for communities.

The committee recommended that the Council consider AFA-related halibut bycatch issues and associated halibut bycatch savings be assigned to communities for development of charter IFQ fisheries if the Council desires to implement community programs.

Issue 1.

The committee recommended adding an option under Option 1 to use the State's corrected percentages as a suboption.

The committee recommended adding an option of an amount of pounds equal to the average 1998-99 halibut harvest to guarantee a set poundage to the charter sector for the first year of the program. That poundage amount would be converted to a percentage that would be used to set the poundage in subsequent years.

Issue 4.

The committee recommended deleting options 3 and 4, and changing Option 1 to:

1. Charter vessel owner - individual who owns the charterboat

Staff interprets that the committee's intent is to qualify the person controlling the charter business in situations where the vessel is leased.

Issue 3.

The committee recommended the proposed language change for "initial issues" (staff recommendations (SR)). It also recommended the most inclusive proxy for logbook participation, that is, "active vessel" defined as having turned in one logbook page with positive catch or effort.

The committee recommended that the ADF&G Guide and Business Registration be made a mandatory proxy for participation for all options where the issuee is a bare vessel lessee. Neither CFEC vessel registration nor IPHC licensing would be required of bare vessel lessees.

Issue 2.

The committee recommended deleting the 125% inflation under Option 1. It clarified that the balance would be redistributed proportionally to all initial issues (with none left over for hardships) (SR).

The committee recommended moving Option 3 (fix 50%/float 50%) under Issue 1 (SR).

Issue 5.

The committee recommended deleting “individual” for Option 1 (SR) and delete Option 2b.

Issue 6.

The committee recommended adopting New Option 1, 2 and 3 (SR). It further recommended deleting the language “not to exceed...”(SR). It clarified that transfer limitations should be by area, but not by vessel category (meaning only one transfer for each area for all vessel categories). The committee recommended that the 25% cap be based on individual transfers rather than by aggregate because it is more restrictive.

Issue 7.

The committee recommended changing Issue 7, Option 4, to “use” caps (instead of ownership) applied only to the charter sector at the time of initial allocation. This would not impact existing commercial ownership and use caps.

Issue 9.

The committee recommended that staff analyze the pounds vs. fish issue for both issuance and use of charter IFQs, and expressed its desire that IFQs be issued as number of fish.

Other Issues

The committee identified that a quantitative analysis of the impacts of the proposed charter IFQ program on anglers should be considered by the Council, while recognizing that this may require substantial time and funds.

The committee discussed that the analysis is separable for Area 2C and 3A and recommended that the Council pursue an IFQ system for Area 3A only, in the event that there is not sufficient support for a program in Area 2C.