

Fields Motion

Draft Motion
Agenda Item C (2) (c)
Review Report on BSAI Crab Rationalization 5-year Review

The Council appreciates the work of Council and Agency staff as well as that of Mike Downs, AECOM, Inc., Commander Woodley, USCG and Jennifer Lincoln, National Institute of Occupational Health in preparing the five year review of the Crab Rationalization Management Program for Bering Sea and Aleutians Crab Fisheries. The five year review demonstrates that many aspects of the Bering Sea and Aleutians Crab Rationalization Management Program seem to be working well for the stakeholders. For example, participants have adapted to the complications of the "three pie" system, safety goals continue to be achieved and overcapitalization has been reduced. However, the review also indicates that there are some aspects of the program that may merit further Council consideration. Program stakeholders as well as the Advisory Panel have identified several problem areas including issues of equitable crew compensation, quota lease rates and active participation as related to program participation opportunities and next generation ownership. Nevertheless, it will take some additional time for Council members to more fully evaluate the five year review and assess oral and written public testimony to determine whether or not additional Council action is needed. In the meantime, the Council strongly encourages Crab Rationalization stakeholders to work together within the industry to craft solutions to the concerns identified. Stakeholder solutions will be considered by the Council should a formalized five year review Amendment package be developed.

and certain aspects of the binding arb. system

Consequently, I move that the Council, at this time, limit its action on the five year review package to the following single issue and that, at a subsequent meeting, the Council consider whether or not concerns associated with the five year review merit additional Council action.

Insert:

Application Deadline for Co-operative and Individual Annual Allocations motion language.

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The Council directs staff to prepare an analysis of an amendment that would move the application deadline for annual allocations of IFQ and IPQ from August 1st to June 15th.

Purpose and need statement

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Under the crab rationalization program, QS holders and PQS holders must annually apply for allocations of IFQ and IPQ, respectively. In some instances, filing of these applications has been disputed creating uncertainties concerning the one-to-one relationship between Class A IFQ and IPQ, which is critical to parties use of those shares. Moving the application deadline to an earlier date for IFQ and IPQ could allow for additional time to resolve any disputes concerning the timeliness and adequacy of applications by NOAA Fisheries; and thereby, prevent some potential mismatches of the issued Class A IFQ pool and IPQ pools.

① Alternative 1

Status quo

Retain the current August 1st deadline for IFQ and IPQ applications.

Alternative 2

Move the IFQ and IPQ application deadlines to June 15th.

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