Use of scales in sablefish A share fishery

The Council directs staff to initiate a discussion paper addressing an option for sablefish A share IFQ holders to use flow or hopper scales when participating in the sablefish fishery. The paper will explore the potential operational and management impacts of utilizing NMFS approved scales as an option for accounting for sablefish harvest, outline potential challenges to facilitating their use in the fishery, and consider non-regulatory options to allow for their use.