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# D4 IFQ COMMITTEE REPORT

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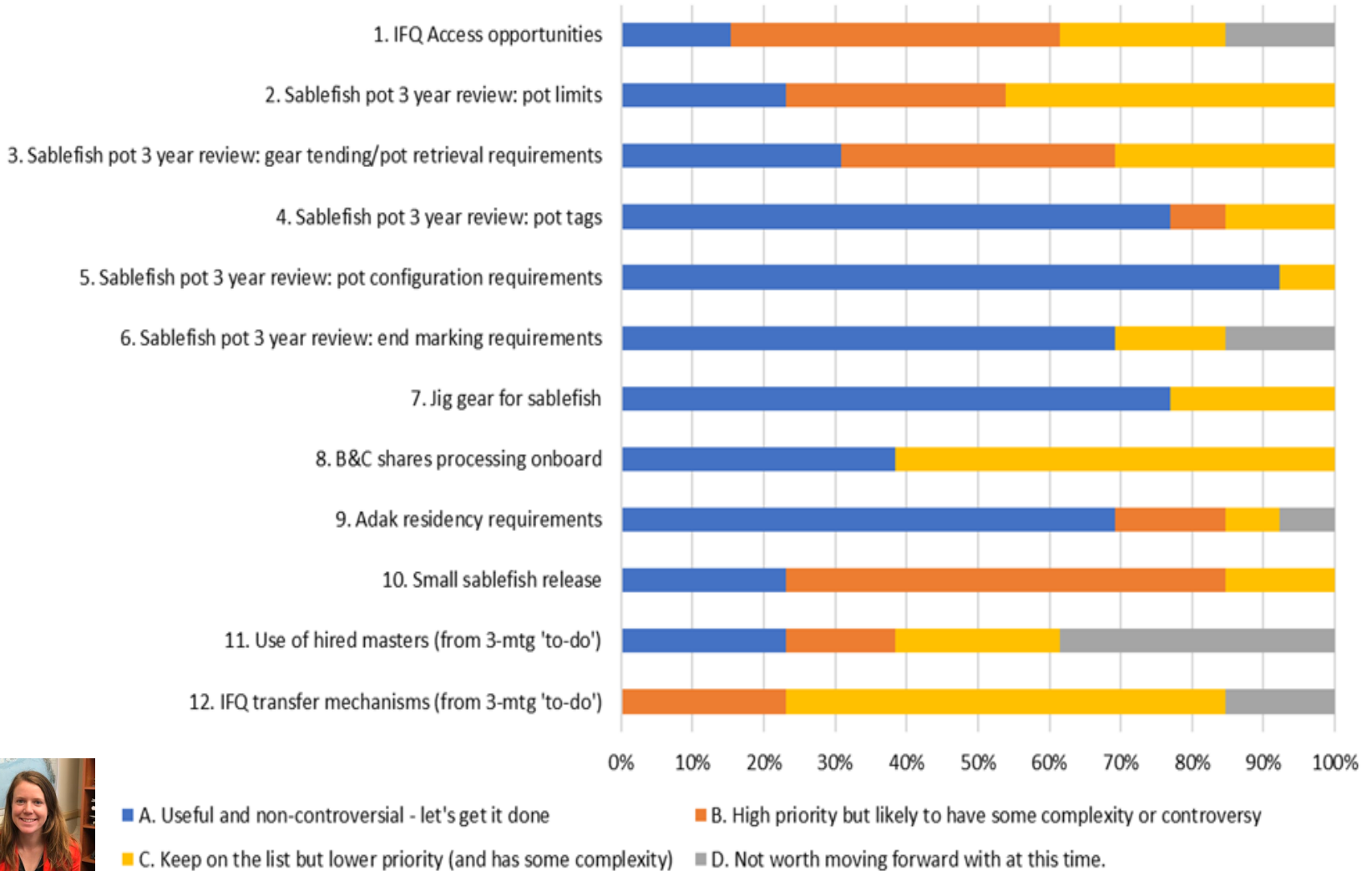


# IFQ MEETING AND REPORT

- IFQ Committee met virtually March 25 and 26
- Posted: Action memo, IFQ committee report and committee's eAgenda
- 1<sup>st</sup> day – presentations and discussions on 2 Council actions (IFQ access opportunities & GOA sablefish pots), proposals, and several “non-action” items
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day – prioritization of IFQ-related actions
  - A poll was used to canvas members on relative priority of items and their thoughts on complexity/ controversy
  - Members provided context to their votes through discussion that followed
- The report is organized by topic (rather than chronologically)



## In-Meeting Poll: IFQ Committee prioritization of possible Council actions



# REMAINING IFQ TOPICS FROM THE COMMITTEE

## 1. New proposals

- Allow jig gear for sablefish
- Allowing onboard processing of sablefish B and C shares
- Lift Adak CQE residency requirements (3 to 5 years)

## 2. Other IFQ actions discussed relative to prioritization

- Small sablefish release action
- Use of hired masters (from batter's box)
- IFQ transfer mechanisms (from batter's box)

## 3. Other presentations and review items



# NEW PROPOSALS: 1 OF 3

## Allow jig gear for sablefish

- IFQ committee agreed that the proposal is useful and non-controversial. No opposition was voiced. A few members felt low priority item.
- Potential benefits to small boat fishermen or those who hold small amounts of sablefish quota



# NEW PROPOSALS: 2 OF 3

## **Allow onboard processing of sablefish B and C shares**

- IFQ committee agreed that the proposal is useful and non-controversial. Most members felt this is was not high priority relative to other action
- Few members noted their own experiences with limited markets in their home community; could benefit freeze trollers wanting to do direct marketing
- Weren't able to hear the shoreside processor perspective



# NEW PROPOSALS: 3 OF 3

## Lift Adak CQE residency requirements for 3 to 5 years

- IFQ committee agreed that the proposal is useful and non-controversial. Mixed feelings on prioritization.
- Proposer explained the residency requirement for harvesting ACDC's CQE was waived up until 2019. Within that timeframe they were able to prioritize residents.
- Combination of a closed processor and a pandemic has made it difficult to harvest their quota
- Buffer period longer than an emergency rule (3 to 5 years)



# OTHER IFQ ACTIONS DISCUSSED RELATIVE TO PRIORITIZATION

## Small sablefish release action

- The majority of the Committee think this action is a high priority
- The most common vote also suggested likely to have some complexity or controversy,
- Committee members favor the development of a discard mortality rate specifically for small sablefish, likely differing by pot- versus longline-caught.

## Use of hired masters (from batter's box)

- Most diverse response from the committee
- Overall stay on the Council's list but not be tasked for further staff work at this time.

## IFQ transfer mechanisms (from batter's box)



- Most Committee members listed this as a low priority and recommend keeping it on the list but not tasking staff work at this time
- Some overlapping intent with the access pool





# OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND REVIEW ITEMS

## **IPHC economic impact survey**

- Recommendation to clarify that the survey will accept estimates in lieu of exact numbers

## **IFQ cost recovery update**

- Recommended that the Council request further detail on the methods used to allocate enforcement costs to the IFQ program.
- Recommended that the Council request to receive ongoing updates on any changes NMFS would need to make regarding reporting and invoicing procedures in order to implement an extended or year-round fishery.

## **Emergency rule update**

- The emergency rule for the Rockfish Program - effective for an April 1 opener.
- The IFQ transfer emergency rule - effective 3/30/2021

## **NMFS IFQ Report to the Fleet**

- Committee provided a number of specific recommendations



# OTHER BUSINESS

## Proxy proposal

- Committee discussed a proposal to allow members to appoint alternates when they are not able to attend the Committee meeting, particularly when the meeting is occurring during the IFQ fishing season
- Broader policy call for the Council
- May be other ways to promote participation (timing and location considerations)
- Intent to meet more regularly





Thank you!  
Questions?

