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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

IFQ Implementation Committee report

ESTIMATED TIME:

8 hours (all Other Issues)

ACTION REQUIRED:

Receive IFQ Implementation Committee report and take action as necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The Council scheduled a meeting of the IFQ Implementation Committee on Monday, December 9, 2013 to review: 1) a May 2013 discussion paper on increasing the use caps for sablefish "A" (freezer vessel) QS and identify other approaches to maximize use of all sablefish IFQs (**Item D-6(a)**); 2) two proposals previously submitted to the Council to revise Federal regulations to a) calculate maximum retainable allowances at the time of offload rather than during a fishing trip, as currently required (submitted by the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association); and b) increase the halibut and sablefish IFQ vessel caps, as the amount of IFQs each vessel may harvest has declined over time under lower catch limits (submitted by Kodiak Vessel Owners Association, **Item D-6(b)**). A fourth agenda item is to review a proposal to allow clean-up of IFQ trips in multiple regulatory areas as regulatory amendment to the observer program or the IFQ program based on NMFS advice (**Item D-6(c)**).

The committee report will be available during the meeting.