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RE: Other Business (including new requests for emergency rules)

North Pacific Fishery Management Council April 26, 2020 Council Members- Please consider increasing the “rollover” IFQ provision from its current 10% for halibut and sablefish, to 30% for the remainder of the 2020 season, and then to 20% for 2021, reverting to 10% for 2022. The Covid 19 pandemic has disrupted normal marketing channels for both halibut and sablefish. It has been a snowballing effect of fish that cannot be sold domestically, or even transported to previously available overseas markets. Sablefish stocks, with large age classes of small fish, have lessened the value of the fishery. With the closure of restaurants and Cruise Ship sailings, restrictions on grocery shopping, halibut sales are also greatly diminished. Allowing the increase will take pressure off the 2020 marketing issues and stepping it down, going forward will spread that catch, saving the industry, and NMFS, much lost financial opportunity. Eric Rosvold