

IFQ IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MEETING
Anchorage Hilton Hotel - King Salmon/Iliamna Room
March 26, 2012
DRAFT AGENDA

I. Opening Remarks

II. Approve Agenda.

III. Review IFQ amendment proposals.

- (1) Develop a discussion paper to allow the retention of 4A halibut incidentally caught while targeting sablefish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island regulatory areas. Included in the discussion paper is the premise that this action has the objective of not increasing halibut bycatch levels.
- (2) Develop a discussion paper to explore the implications of using pots for the Gulf of Alaska sablefish fishery, and address the following issues:
 - 1) restrictions to gear usage
 - a) single vs longline pots
 - b) pots retained on grounds for long soaks vs retrieved during deliveries
 - c) pot storage
 - d) gear configuration requirements
 - e) gear conflicts
 - f) use the 200 fathom depth contour to mark open areas
 - g) pot soak time
 - 2) area management (SE vs GOA)
 - 3) exacerbation of halibut mortality
 - 4) dynamic (social/economic) effects
 - a) safety issue related to use of pots by small vessels
 - b) crew employment
 - c) QS prices
 - d) ongoing acoustic research for avoiding whale depredation

Following development of the discussion paper, the Council may consider forming a gear committee composed of affected stakeholders to discuss the findings of the paper and make recommendations to the Council prior to proceeding to analysis.

- (3) Develop a discussion paper to assess whether the problem of unharvested halibut IFQ in Area 4 is attributable to the current vessel IFQ cap or are there other factors that could be identified as contributing to unharvested halibut in Area 4.
- (4) Initiate a discussion paper for removal of the block system for sablefish A shares and increase in the sablefish A share only cap. The A share exemption, would be from the overall sablefish use cap (no catcher vessel QS onboard) and regardless of whether the sablefish harvest was processed. The discussion paper should explore adding a use cap increase to the BSAI.

IV. Review Vessel Monitoring Systems Discussion Paper

V. Other Business

VI. Adjourn