

OMNIBUS V IFQ PROPOSED ACTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN FEBRUARY 2005 FOR ANALYSIS

ACTION 1 Use of catcher vessel QS

Alternative 1 No action

Alternative 2 Revise IFQ regulations to allow:

1. non-IFQ species to be frozen onboard while directed fishing for halibut and sablefish; and
2. category A quota shares to be fished at any time and in any sequence with category B, C, and D quota shares

ACTION 2 Sablefish pots

Alternative 1 No action

Alternative 2 Allow use of pot gear in the Bering Sea sablefish fishery during June

ACTION 3 Unused QS

Alternative 1 No action

Alternative 2 Remove all unused QS held by completely inactive initial recipients from the QS Pool

Alternative 3 Allow surrender of unused QS held by completely inactive initial recipients from the QS Pool

Option One-time lottery for unused small blocks of quota shares

- 1) Lottery would be held one year after individuals holding any quota share/IFQ which has never been fished or transferred, have been given an opportunity to fish it or transfer it.
- 2) Individuals would need to make application to RAM.
- 3) There would be a 60-day window for making application.
- 4) Those individuals applying for the lottery would need bona fide crewman status i.e. Transfer Eligibility Certificate.
- 5) Lottery winners would receive all associated first generation allocation privileges.
- 6) Those individuals receiving quota would have one year (365 days) after first day of full season to fish or sell their quota shares. After that time, any unfished or non-transferred shares would by default return to the general quota share pool.
- 7) Crewman would apply by species and area.
- 8) Proposed area and species lottery breakdown.

Halibut

Area 2C - 4 Winners
Area 3A – 10 winners
Area 3B – 1 winner
Area 4A – 1 winner
Area 4B – 1 winner
Area 4C – 1 winner

Sablefish

Bering Sea – 1 winner
Western Gulf – 1 winner
Central Gulf – 1 winner
West Yakutat – 1 winner
Southeast – 1 winner

- 9) Quota share awarded in the lottery would maintain its area and vessel restrictions; however, all lottery quotas would be designated as unblocked.