HALIBUT AND SABLEFISH IFQ PROGRAM
AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
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Brief Statement of Proposal:

Amend grandfather/hired skipper privileges in the halibut/sablefish fishery to sunset
These rights, on any future quota which is bought/traded/ or gifted.

Objectives of Proposal (What is the problem:)

1) These rights have dramatically slowed the transition from a first generation(absentee
Owner)fishery to a second generation(owner onboard) fishery desired by the
Council.
2) Grandfather/hired skipper privileges have lead to widespread abuse of the 20% boat
Ownership requirement. Often times not a single dollar changes hands in these arrange-
ments, and is merely a paper shuffle transaction.
3) These rights continue/ promote leasing of quota and the common practice of charging
Excessive rents.
4) Minimize further concentration/consolidation of IFQ shares.

Need and Justification for Council Action (Why can’t the problem be resolved through other
channels?):

This action is needed to promote an owner-operator/catcher vessel fleet and to further the
Objectives and goals of the IFQ program.

Foreseeable Impacts of Proposal (Who wins, who loses?):

Winners of an amendment to the grandfather/hired skipper privileges would be future
Participants, second generation IFQ holders, Alaska coastal communities, IFQ broker
Businesses, lending institutions, and NPFMC.

Losers of this amendment could be those holding grandfather/hired skipper rights and
Their hired skippers.

Are there Alternative Solutions? If so, what are they and why do you consider your proposal the
best way of solving the problem?

This amendment is a good solution as it would accelerate the IFQ program towards a
Fishery dominated by owner-operators, and it would address a number of abuses related
To the grandfather/hired skipper privileges.

Supportive Data and Other Information (What data are available and where can they be found?):

Signature:

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