

**HALIBUT AND SABLEFISH IFQ PROGRAM
AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
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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 led to widespread abuse of the 20% boat Ownership requirement. Often times not a single dollar changes hands in these arrangements, 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?):

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