

# OLE / Trawl Rationalization Compliance Workshop

## Quota Share (QS) Account

- ▶ On Line, pass word and pin
  - ▶ 29 species and species groups
  - ▶ QS are a % of the OY
  - ▶ What that % represents in pounds
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# QS/QP: How it goes from the QS Account to the Vessel to be fished?

- QPs for QS account are transferred to a Vessel Account
- Only vessels with a LE trawl permit registered to that vessel are eligible to receive a vessel account
- The vessel account has no value in itself, like a check book
- Once QPs are transferred to a vessel account, they cannot be transferred back to a QS account, but
- Can be transferred to another vessel account
- Once QPs are in a vessel account they are available to be fished (harvested).

# Halibut Individual Bycatch Species (IBQ)

- ▶ Halibut, North of 40 10' only.
- ▶ Halibut IBQ will be issued as a ratio related to target species, (Arrowtooth Flounder and Petralie Sole)
- ▶ Retention of Halibut remains prohibited
- ▶ Halibut will be accounted for by the observer on board. (weight, length, condition, conversion to pounds)
- ▶ The condition of the halibut will be determined per a condition index developed by the IPHC.
- ▶ IBQ pounds will be deducted from the Vessel Account

# Why Aren't all Species Managed under IFQ?

- ▶ Non IFQ Species
  - Some are State Regulated
  - Some are seldom caught by trawl gear
  - When caught, could be restrictive on that sector (i.e. dog fish in whiting fishery)
- ▶ All fish will be accounted for regardless of whether they are IFQ or non IFQ.

# Accumulations Limits

- ▶ Two Types
  - ▶ Individual Ownership / Control Limits
  - ▶ QS Account
  - ▶ Vessel Usage Limits – QPs
- ▶ Vessel accounts may not have QP/IBQ pounds in excess of the QP vessel limit in any year
- ▶ For over fished species and halibut, may not hold pounds in excess of the unused QP vessel limit at any time.

Species Category	QP Vessel Limit (Annual Limit)	Unused QP Vessel Limit (Daily Limit)
Nonwhiting Groundfish Species Lingcod - coastwide Pacific Cod Pacific whiting (shoreside) Sablefish N. of 36° (Monterey north) S. of 36° (Conception area)	3.2% 3.8% 20.0% 15.0%  4.5% 15.0%	
PACIFIC OCEAN PERCH WIDOW ROCKFISH * CANARY ROCKFISH Chilipepper Rockfish BOCACCIO Splitnose Rockfish Yellowtail Rockfish	6.0% 8.5% 10.0% 15.0% 15.4% 15.0% 7.5%	4.0% 5.1% 4.4%  13.2%  
Shortspine Thornyhead N. of 34° 27' S. of 34° 27' Longspine Thornyhead N. of 34° 27' COWCOD DARKBLOTCHED YELLOWWEYE	9.0% 9.0%  9.0% 17.7% 6.8% 11.4%	    17.7% 4.5% 5.7%
Minor Rockfish North Shelf Species Slope Species Minor Rockfish South Shelf Species Slope Species	7.5% 7.5%  13.5% 9.0%	
Dover sole English Sole Petrale Sole Arrowtooth Flounder Sablefish Other Flatfish Pacific Halibut	3.9% 7.5% 4.5% 20.0% 20.0% 15.0% 14.4%	      5.4%

# Individual Control Caps

- ▶ Cap on the amount of Q/S an individual entity can own or “control.”
  - ▶ Four years to divest QS in excess of ownership limits.
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# Lets go Fishing

- ▶ You will need
  - a Vessel
  - a Limited Entry Trawl Permit assigned to that Vessel
  - a Vessel Account with QP assigned to that Vessel
  - an Assigned Observer
  - an Activated VMS

# Catch Accounting

- ▶ Catch Accounting:
- ▶ Three Components:
- ▶ Electronic Fish Ticket
- ▶ Observer Data
- ▶ Catch Monitor Data

All the E Fishticket and CM Data goes to PacFin

Observer data first goes to the Science Center and then to PacFin

Vessel Account system will grab the PacFin Data and make deductions accordingly, Approx 48 hour turn around.

# Used / Unused / Pass Through QP

- ▶ Defined:
- ▶ Used QP – Pounds in a Vessel Account that have been harvested reported on a fish ticket
- ▶ Unused QP – Pounds in a Vessel Account that have not been used, remain available for harvest.
- ▶ Pass through QP – Pounds that have been transferred to a Vessel Account and then transferred to another Vessel Account
- ▶ Pass through QP are not used in calculating carryover limits (deficit or surplus).

# Carryover Surplus Provision

- ▶ Carryover Provision
- ▶ End of the year Surplus Roll Over up to 10% (10% of what?)
- ▶ Used
- ▶ Unused
- ▶ Pass Through
- ▶ Surplus determined by adding the number of Used and Unused pounds in your account from Jan 1 to Dec. 31
- ▶ Up to 10% of that sum can be carried over to the next year
- ▶ Carryover pounds are the first pounds used in the next year (first in / first out) and cannot be carried over to year(s) beyond

# Area Management

- ▶ Under Shorebased IFQ Program, species managed in four distinct geographic areas (existing):
  - US/Canada Border to 40 10'
  - 40 10' to 36 36'
  - 36 36' to 34 27'
  - 34 27' to US Mexican border
  - Examples:
    - yellowtail rockfish individual species north of 40 10', but part of minor shelf rockfish south,
    - sablefish issues with distinction north and south of 36 latitude,
    - shortspine thornyhead issued with distinction north/south of 34 27'
- ▶ Restrictions
  - Vessel prohibited from fishing in different areas during the same trip

# The First Receiver Site License:

- ▶ To apply for this license you will need a State Buyers License
- ▶ Catch Monitoring Plan
- ▶ Computer and Web Access
- ▶ When receiving catch, the catch must:
- ▶ Be weighted on a Certified Scale (State Certification)
- ▶ Sorted to Federal Specifications (status quo)
- ▶ Accurate weights required
- ▶ Recorded in the Federal Electronic Fishticket (PACFIN)

# Electronic Fish Ticket

- ▶ E Fish Ticket developed by PSMFC
- ▶ Designed to emulate the state fish ticket programs
- ▶ Data generated by the E Fish Ticket goes to PACFIN
- ▶ Data generated by the E Fish Ticket will be used to make deductions from the Vessel Accounts
- ▶ E Fish Ticket has been used in the Shoreside Pacific Whiting fishery last 4 years.
- ▶ Electronic Signature for the Processor, not the Fisherman.

# Split Deliveries

- ▶ Previously not authorized in WA or CA (state law)
- ▶ Oregon authorized (state law)
- ▶ For Shoreside IFQ, split deliveries will be allowed provided the observer stays with the vessel until all offload is complete.
- ▶ Observer must stay with the vessel until offload is complete regardless of whether offload is a single or split delivery

# Fishing into Deficit

- ▶ 30 Day clock
  - ▶ Have 30 day to cover deficit
  - ▶ When in deficit, cannot fish in the IFQ fishery, cannot sell or transfer LE permit
  - ▶ After 30 day deficit is subject to investigations as a violation
  - ▶ Deficits are time and date stamped
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# Deficit Posted while on a Trip

- ▶ The deficit posting will be time stamped
  - ▶ If the deficit is posted after leaving on a trip, vessel will be allowed to complete trip
  - ▶ Landings from this completed trip may increase the species deficit
  - ▶ If so, the 30 day clock does not restart, rather the deficit is cumulative, (it gets bigger).
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# Fishing Options when in Deficit.

- ▶ When in deficit you cannot fish in the IFQ/Coop fishery, but you can fish in other west coast fisheries:
  - ▶ LE Fixed Gear
  - ▶ OA Fixed Gear
  - ▶ OA Line
  - ▶ OA Exempt Trawl, i.e. Shrimp, CA Halibut
  - ▶ Salmon / Crab
  - ▶ HMS / CPS
- ▶ Or Alaska

- ▶ If your deficit is within 10%, (10% of what) you have two options,
  - ▶ let the 30 day clock laps and be subject to investigation, while preserving you option to by pounds later in the year and fish in that year,
  - ▶ Or  
“opt out” and cover deficit with pounds issued in the following year.
  - ▶ What if I cover pounds prior to end of year?  
Can I go fishing?
  - ▶ Yes, But.....
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# IFQ Shoreside Gear Switching Option

- ▶ Vessel must have
  - A Registered LE Trawl or LE MS/CV endorsed Permit
  - Vessel Account with assigned QP and IBQ#s (for halibut by catch (note: a vessel can fish with zero pounds in vessel account)).
  - Activated VMS
  - Assigned Observer
  - Declare LE groundfish non-trawl shorebased IFQ
  - Restricted to the non-trawl RCA
- ▶ Authorized to fish for IFQ species with any legal non trawl groundfish gear.

# Prohibition on Processing in Shorebased IFQ Program

- ▶ All existing prohibitions remain in place.
- ▶ Exemption: Coos Bay Head, Gut, Tail and Freezing, <75” for whiting only remains in place.
- ▶ Process of all groundfish at-sea is prohibited for participants in the shorebased IFQ fishery.
- ▶ Head and Gut, J cut etc. remain in place.
- ▶ Head and Gut is not processing (by definition).

# California Early Season Set Aside and other misc Whiting issues

- ▶ The 5% set aside for California early season prior to the start of the primary season is still in place

- Requires shorebased whiting QP, no special species indicator
- When 5% of the OY/ACL is taken, fishery will close.

(status quo)

Trip limits on whiting before primary season (status quo)

# Gear Restrictions

- ▶ Prohibition on carrying both trawl gear and fixed gear on board is maintained. (current)
  - ▶ Vessel wanting to fish more than one gear type on same trip is restricted to the most conservative groundfish conservation areas. (current)
  - ▶ Small and large foot rope restriction remain in place. (current)
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# Permit Stacking

- ▶ Status Quo applies
  - ▶ Can register up to 3 LE Fixed Gear Tier Permits
  - ▶ or
  - ▶ One LE Trawl Permit
  - ▶ Trawl Permit and Fixed Gear Tier Permit can not be registered to vessel at the same time.
  - ▶ One transfer per year.
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