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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Trawl Rationalization Program:

IFQ - Vessel Account Adjustment for Carryover

IFQ – Reapportionment of Whiting and Revised Vessel Limit Table

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces adjustments to vessel accounts for surplus carryover of sablefish in the Shorebased IFQ Program. NMFS also announces reapportionment of whiting from the tribal to the non-tribal commercial fisheries effective October 4, 2012. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2012 are: catcher/processor 55,584 mt; mothership 39,235 mt; and shorebased IFQ 68,662 mt (151,373,798 lb). The resulting whiting quota pounds for the IFQ fishery will be credited to quota share accounts by October 19, 2012. Attached is an updated vessel limits table to reflect whiting reapportionment from tribal to non-tribal fisheries, increasing the Pacific whiting allocation to the Shorebased IFQ Program.

Vessel Accounts - Carryover

In the Shorebased IFQ Program, NMFS will issue surplus carryover from 2011 to 2012 vessel accounts for:

- Sablefish north of 36° N. lat., and
- Sablefish south of 36° N. lat.

For vessel accounts eligible for surplus carryover of sablefish, NMFS will credit vessel accounts with surplus carryover QPs from 2011 by October 12, 2012. Any catch of sablefish in 2012 by a vessel will be offset with surplus carryover quota pounds.

NMFS will credit surplus carryover in the amount each individual vessel account was eligible for, even if this puts some accounts over the vessel limits for sablefish. Vessel account owners above any vessel

limit will be notified by NMFS staff. They will have a deadline of COB October 26, 2012, to get their account under the vessel limit by trading QPs. If the account balance for sablefish (N or S) is not under the vessel limit by the deadline given by NMFS, any surplus carryover above their vessel limit will be permanently expired from their account. Allowing a vessel account to go over a vessel limit due to issuance of surplus carryover is a one-time exception for a short period, and NMFS may not take this approach in future years.

In the May 14, 2012 public notice (NMFS-SEA-12-09), NMFS provided some frequently asked questions (FAQs) to further explain the surplus carryover process and a step-by-step guide describing the calculation of surplus carryover for individual vessel accounts. Please see the “public notices” link on our trawl program website (listed in the box) for this additional information.

Groundfish E-mail Group

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NMFS Trawl Program Website

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>

A fillable Excel file to calculate your own surplus carryover, along with other useful information, including the final 2012 vessel limits table (with IFQ allocations), are posted on NMFS Trawl Program website under “vessel accounts info.”

2012 SHOREBASED TRAWL VESSEL LIMITS

10/4/2012

Below is a table showing the shorebased trawl vessel limits for IFQ species in pounds based on the Shorebased IFQ Program allocation for 2012 (76 FR 77415, December 13, 2011 and 660.140(d)(1)(ii)(D)) and the vessel limits specified at 50 CFR 660.140(e)(4). On October 4, 2012, NMFS increased the allocation based on reapportionment of whiting from tribal to non-tribal fisheries. Values in this table that increased from the final 2012 Shorebased IFQ Program allocation (from 5/4/2012) are denoted in **bold** (only Pacific whiting changed). These values are used to calculate the amount of QP that can be transferred to a vessel account. Values for Pacific halibut did not change between interim and final.

The **Annual QP Limit** is the total amount of QP (used, unused available, and pending outgoing transfers) that may be registered to a single vessel during the year. It applies to the sum of your catch to date (landings + discards), available QP balance, and pending outgoing transfers, which is displayed in the year to date column (for annual vessel limit calculation) on your vessel account summary page. The Non-whiting Groundfish Species Annual QP Limit is an overall limit applying to the sum of every IFQ species (excluding Pacific whiting and Pacific halibut).

The **Daily QP Limit** is the total amount of unused QP (available QP balance plus pending outgoing transfers) that may be registered to a vessel at any time.

IFQ Category	Total Pounds for Shorebased IFQ Program	QP Vessel Limit (Annual Limit) %	Associated Annual QP Limit (pounds)	Unused QP Vessel Limit (Daily Limit) %	Associated Daily QP Limit (pounds)
Arrowtooth flounder	20,861,131	20.0%	4,172,226		
Bocaccio rockfish South of 40°10' N.	132,277	15.4%	20,371	13.2%	17,461
Canary rockfish	57,761	10.0%	5,776	4.4%	2,541
Chilipepper rockfish South of 40°10' N.	2,934,904	15.0%	440,236		
Cowcod South of 40°10' N.	3,968	17.7%	702	17.7%	702
Darkblotched rockfish	548,808	6.8%	37,319	4.5%	24,696
Dover sole	49,018,682	3.9%	1,911,729		
English sole	21,037,611	7.5%	1,577,821		
Lingcod	3,991,800	3.8%	151,688		
Longspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	4,219,648	9.0%	379,768		
Minor shelf rockfish North of 40°10' N.	1,150,813	7.5%	86,311		
Minor shelf rockfish South of 40°10' N.	189,598	13.5%	25,596		
Minor slope rockfish North of 40°10' N.	1,828,779	7.5%	137,158		
Minor slope rockfish South of 40°10' N.	831,958	9.0%	74,876		
Other flatfish	9,253,683	15.0%	1,388,052		
Pacific cod	2,502,247	20.0%	500,449		
Pacific halibut (IBQ) North of 40°10' N.	232,856	14.4%	33,531	5.4%	12,574
Pacific ocean perch North of 40°10' N.	263,441	6.0%	15,806	4.0%	10,538
Pacific whiting	151,373,798	15.0%	22,706,070		
Petrale sole	2,324,995	4.5%	104,625		
Sablefish North of 36° N.	5,438,797	4.5%	244,746		
Sablefish South of 36° N.	1,133,352	15.0%	170,003		
Shortspine thornyheads North of 34°27' N.	3,120,533	9.0%	280,848		
Shortspine thornyheads South of 34°27' N.	110,231	9.0%	9,921		
Splitnose rockfish South of 40°10' N.	3,206,513	15.0%	480,977		
Starry flounder	1,480,404	20.0%	296,081		
Widow rockfish	755,352	8.5%	64,205	5.1%	38,523
Yelloweye rockfish	1,323	11.4%	151	5.7%	75
Yellowtail rockfish North of 40°10' N.	6,850,556	7.5%	513,792		
Non-whiting Groundfish Species	143,249,165	3.2%	4,583,973		

