

Council Motion
C-6 IFQ Committee Proposals
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A primary objective of the IFQ Program is to ensure that the halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries are dominated by owner/operators. The Council has amended the IFQ Program several times since the program was implemented to further limit the use of hired masers and promote achievement of the objective of owner/operated fisheries. Despite these actions, the use of hired masters has increased. From 1995 to 2014, hired master use increased from 13% to 40% of the commercial catch limits in the halibut IFQ fishery, and from 13% to 55% of the TACs in the sablefish IFQ fishery.

The Council realizes it may be appropriate to further modify the hired master provision to meet its objective of ensuring the halibut and sablefish fisheries are dominated by owner/operators. The Council recognizes modifying this provision could have far reaching effects on participants and intends to carefully evaluate tradeoffs and benefits of limiting use of hired masters.

- Hired master use (count of hired masters and harvest) by regulatory area
- Hired master use (count of hired masters and harvest) by vessel size class
- Identify use of hired masters (count and harvest) for A shares, Corporations, CQE, and medical/beneficiary leases
- Describe the amount and distribution (by area and vessel) of IFQ harvested by a hired master and a quota share holder on the same vessel, by area and vessel size class
- Describe the participation patterns and connectivity between vessel owners, quota share holders and crew