

Council Motion

Staff Tasking – IFQ access lessons from global examples

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The Council requests that staff develop a discussion paper in response to community access and entry opportunity challenges identified in the 20-year review of the halibut and sablefish IFQ program and related public testimony. This paper would review existing programs that facilitate access opportunities for rural communities and new entrants within limited access fisheries.

The discussion paper should include an evaluation of Norway's Recruitment Quota as a program example and similar global examples.

The discussion paper should address the following three objectives: (1) Review overall efficacy of programs in providing fisheries access, as well as general successes and failures; (2) Provide an overview of potential functionality, strengths and weaknesses of such a program within the North Pacific management framework and; (3) Review ways in which the program does or could potentially interface and comply with standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.