

**D1 IFQ CQE Fish up in 3A, Council Motion
October 7, 2018**

I move for Council approval of the following amendment to the CQE program for initial review:

Purpose and Need:

The ability of fishermen in a remote coastal community to purchase QS or maintain existing QS may be limited by a variety of factors both shared among and unique to each community. Although the specific causes for decreasing QS holdings in a specific community may vary, the net effect is a disincentive to participation by residents of these communities in the halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries. The substantial decline in the number of resident QS holders and the total amount of QS held by residents of remote coastal communities may have aggravated unemployment and related social and economic conditions in those communities. To remedy these barriers to participation in remote coastal communities, the Council developed the CQE Program to provide these communities with long-term opportunities to access the halibut and sablefish resources. Program regulations that restrict CQE ability to fish "D" class quota on "C" class vessels has, in some circumstances, limited the CQE community's access to fish CQE halibut, particularly in Area 3A. Modifying the program to allow CQEs to fish "D" class quota on "C" class vessels in Area 3A will further the Council's intent of encouraging CQE communities to secure long-term opportunities to access halibut.

Alternative 1: No Action

Alternative 2: Allow CQE communities to fish "D" class quota on "C" class vessels after:

- a. August 15
- b. September 1

Alternative 3: Allow CQE communities to fish "D" class quota on "C" class vessels in a limited number of years.

- a. 2 out of 3 years
- b. 3 out of 5 years
- c. 3 out of 7 years

Alternatives 2 and 3 could be combined.