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Action Memo

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SUBJECT:
IFQ Committee

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ACTION REQUIRED:
Review report; Recommend future action as necessary

BACKGROUND:

The IFQ Committee will meet from 12 noon to 5 pm on Monday, January 30 at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel. A listen-only conference line will be open, and can be accessed by calling 907-271-2896.

The Council received a [20-Year Review of the Halibut & Sablefish IFQ Program](http://npfmc.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=07269cd7-44a1-4320-a383-2c37d170f131.pdf) in October 2016. That draft was finalized in December 2016, with changes noted in the first attachment to this agenda item. In October the Council made a motion to reconstitute the IFQ Committee and have that body weigh in on potential actions related to six specific issues:

- Sweep-ups of small blocked QS units;
- Use of the medical lease provision;
- Definition of “immediate family member” under the beneficiary lease provision;
- Impacts of quota share loss on Alaska’s rural communities and further explore geographic distribution of quota ownership. Additionally, define rural communities by several population sizes (such as 1,500, 2,500 and 7,500) to better understand how population dynamics have resulted in different outcomes for rural community IFQ participation. This could also include examining the impacts on Alaska communities by region;
- Geographic distribution of new entrant quota ownership; and
- Use of hired masters in the IFQ fisheries.

The Council also invited the Committee to bring forward “any further concerns that [it finds] in the document.”

In addition to reviewing and commenting on these items from the 20 Year Review, the Committee will hear a report on the Initial Review draft of the Area 4 Halibut IFQ Leasing agenda item (C-3), and make any appropriate recommendations to the Council.

The Committee will also receive a presentation on rural participation in the IFQ fisheries and the aging of the fleet demographic, given by Dr. Courtney Carothers of the University of Alaska -

Fairbanks.

The agenda for this meeting is posted on the NPMFC Meeting Agenda under Item C-4. Meeting minutes and recommendations will be presented to the AP and the Council during the course of the plenary session.

Other attachments:

- Overview of changes made to the IFQ Program 20 Year review between Council review (Oct. 2016) and finalization (Dec. 2016)
- Specific revisions to tables and sections added:
 - Revised Table 2.5-11
 - Added Section 3.1.3