A21: LAGC IFQ Alternatives

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LAGC IFQ Possession Limit

See Doc.2a—A21 DRAFT Alternatives

- **Action 6 – Increase the LAGC IFQ Possession Limit**
  - Range of alternatives: 600 pounds (No Action), 800 pounds, 1,000 pounds, 1,200 pounds
  - Sub-Options: 1) increase for open/access area trips, 2) increase for access area trips only

*Potential decision point related to increasing the trip limit raised by PDT last week (see next)*
LAGC IFQ Observer Compensation

- Observed LAGC IFQ trips able to catch trip limit plus compensation from Scallop IFO to offset cost of carrying observer.
  - Current compensation covers one day, regardless of trip length (daily rate for FY2019 = 250 pounds)

Input from PDT on 3/17/20:

- Concerns raised around increasing the possession limit without accounting for longer trips WRT to LAGC IFQ observer compensation
- One-day coverage rate was set when original 400-pound trip limit was in place
- Vessels shoulder the cost of total trip (i.e. providers charge vessels prorated hourly rate for trips > 1 day)
- Concern that vessels may fish differently with observer on board (e.g. fishing shorter trips than they would otherwise) \(ightarrow\) potential for biasing observer records
- Similar comments received during scoping process for A21
LAGC IFQ Observer Compensation

- PDT recommendation: consider adding alternatives that would adjust amount of compensation observed LAGC IFQ trips are eligible for.

Action 7 – Increase the Amount of Observer Compensation Available for LAGC IFQ Vessels

- Range of alternatives:
  - Keep current compensation for one day (No Action)
  - Prorate daily compensation rate in 12-hour increments
  - Allow a second day of compensation

Note: PDT added these alternatives to streamline discussion today. A motion or consensus is needed if AP/CTE wants these to be in A21
Observer compensation options

- **Alternative 2 – Prorate daily compensation rate in 12-hour increments for observed LAGC IFQ trips longer than one day**
  - Allows for additional compensation for trips longer than one day, capped at two days
  - Compensation could be caught on observed trip in addition to possession limit, or on subsequent trip up to possession limit
  - Prorating in 12-hour increments helps moderate observer set-aside utilization and reduce incentive for observed trips to fish longer just to receive more compensation
Observer compensation options

- **Alternative 3 – Allow second day of compensation for trips over 24 hours**
  - Allows for up to two days of compensation for observed trips
  - Compensation could be caught on observed trip in addition to possession limit, or on subsequent trip up to possession limit
Examples

• Using current daily compensation rate (250 pounds per day):

Example 1: For a trip time of \( \leq 24 \) hours
  • Alt. 1 – 250 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 2 – 250 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 3 – 250 pounds compensation

Example 2: For a trip time of 24 hours \( \leq 36 \) hours
  • Alt. 1 – 250 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 2 – 375 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 3 – 500 pounds compensation

Example 3: For a trip time of \( > 36 \) hours
  • Alt. 1 – 250 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 2 – 500 pounds compensation
  • Alt. 3 – 500 pounds compensation
One-Way Transfer of IFQ

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- **Action 8 – One-Way Transfer of Quota from LA with IFQ to LAGC IFQ-Only**
- **Range of alternatives:**
  - No Action
  - Allow temporary transfers only
  - Allow permanent and temporary transfers
- **Sub-Options related to quota accumulation caps:** 1) No change, 2) apply caps to total IFQ allocation

*No decision point necessary at this time.*
Questions?