



***Illex* Hold Framework (FW)**

Meeting #2 – Final Action

October 2023

Agenda

- Review purpose
- Review alternatives
- Review Advisory Panel (AP) input
- Committee motions, Council final action (adoption of preferred alternatives)

Purpose

- Consider requiring a volumetric vessel hold baseline and upgrade restriction for all *Illex* limited access permits
 - Purpose = better cap fishing vessel power of fleet
- Identify processing type
 - Purpose = help inform Catch Per Unit of Effort (CPUE) analyses

Review of alternatives

■ 1: No action

- Retain horsepower / length baselines and upgrade restrictions (20%/10%)
- Baseline is static, generally based on vessel that first qualified for permit
- Current permit information requirements persist

Review of alternatives

- 2a/b: Hold baseline – if selected/approved:
 - If have for mackerel, gets used: 30 of 76
 - For 46 others: NMFS will publish requirements
 - Survey of hold volume by qualified individual
 - 10% hold upgrade restriction (like mackerel)
 - If upgraded, re-survey/certification that within 10%
 - Existing baselines also apply, as usual (no changes)

CPH

- CPH = Confirmation of Permit History
 - Aka permit is “on the shelf”
- Vessel does not equal permit, CPH due to:
 - Vessel sunk
 - Vessel sold without permits
- A permit suite put into CPH can be taken out and put on a vessel within baselines
 - *once per fishing year (May 1)

Review of alternatives

- 2a: CPH permits can use existing survey from last vessel permit was on (before CPH), if available
 - or can survey next vessel for baseline
 - use it or lose it during implementation period
- 2b: an existing survey could NOT be used to establish a hold baseline for CPH *Illex* permits
 - only survey next vessel for baseline

Review of permit #s

- 76 total limited rights (aka permits)
- 6 of those are in CPH
- 30 have hold upgrade restrictions through mackerel
- Could affect about 46 permits... (76-30)

Review of alternatives

- 3/4: Processing type
 - Require with permit renewal
 - Not binding in-season for vessel...
 - *Illex* (3) and/or Longfin (4)
 - May be useful for CPUE analyses
 - For example: freezer vessels limited by processing rate so their daily catch may not reflect abundance.
 - A starting point – challenging to track over time through history
 - Center seems committed to ongoing dialog

AP Input

- AP members on both sides whether additional baseline needed:
 - Yes: Capacity issues, fairness given 2/5 already constrained due to mackerel
 - No: Reduces flexibility, ability to modernize
- Consistent input through process
- Comments for this meeting

Cost

- Informal staff discussions with surveyors
- \$750 - \$6,000 for a 75 foot vessel to \$1,500 \$12,000 for a 150 foot vessel
- Public comments indicate that surveys can be found in the lower ranges

AP Input

- Concern how the processing type declaration would work and whether it could become binding in the future

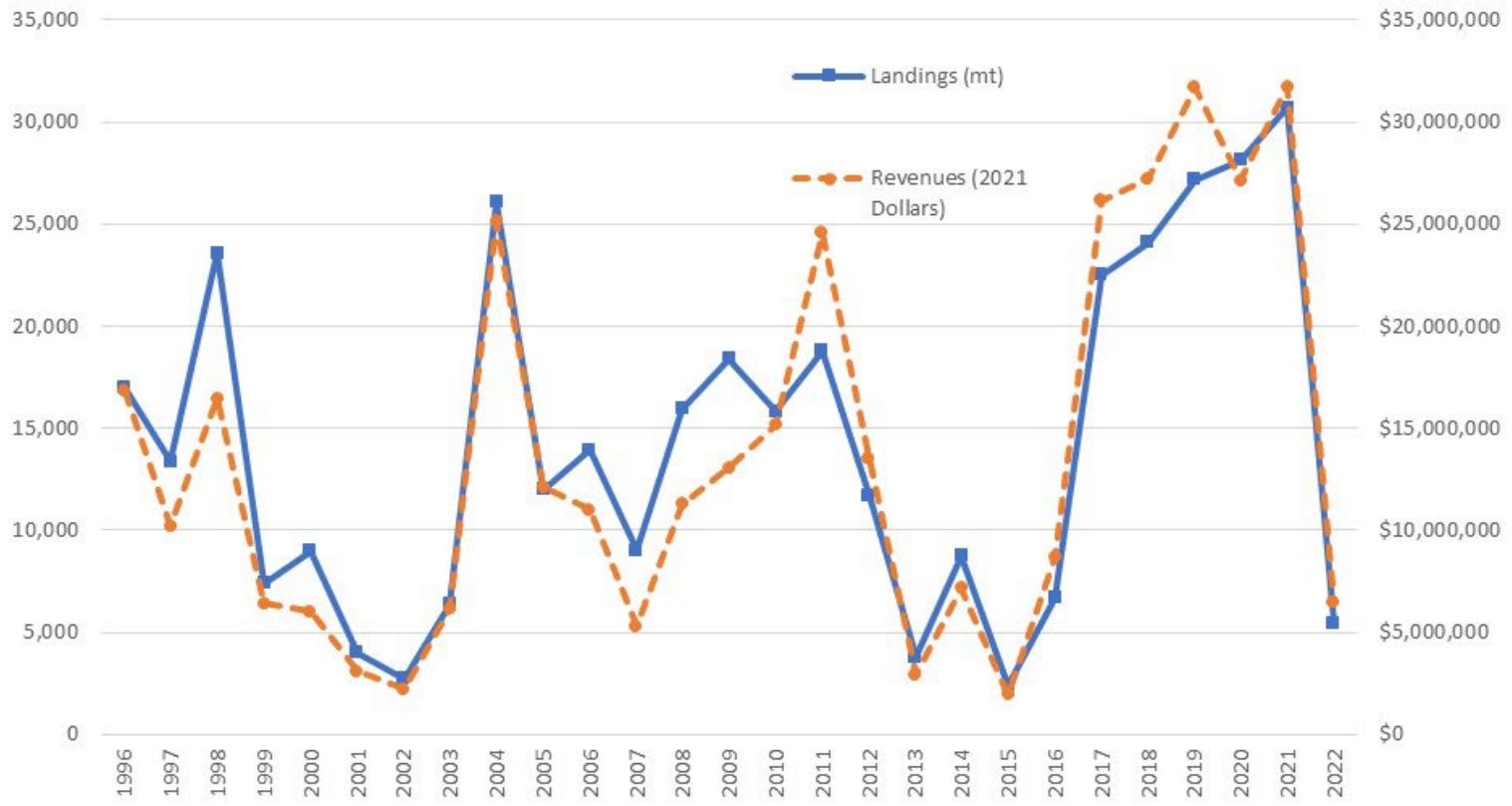
Next Steps

- Questions?
- Committee Motions...

Backup Slides (from April 2023)

From Fishery Info Doc

Illex Landings (MT, left and solid blue line) and Ex-Vessel Revenues (2022 dollars, right and dashed orange line) 1996-2022



Disapproval

- September 2022 Disapproval
- Council-NMFS letters re: clarification

Disapproval

- Still capacity to have race to fish
- Too much focus on economic allocation
 - Not enough net benefits
- Reduction in fleet flexibility could be detrimental given changing conditions

Disapproval Clarification

- What we said last time, and...
- More conservation issues involved w/longfin
- Lower threshold for requalification w/longfin
- Lower impacts on de-qualified vessels w/longfin
- *Illex* quotas have been increasing
- Qualification end dates now more distant w/*Illex*
- Industry split - majority letters opposed versus no opposition for longfin squid's re-permitting