Illex Permit Action Update

Aug 2022
Overview

- Timeline
- Intent
- Measures

Outcome: Mostly informational
Timeline

- July 2020 – Council Final Action
- June 2022 – Notice of Availability
- September 2022 – NMFS approval/disapproval decision
- Proposed Rule?
Intent

- Reduce excess capacity in the Illex fishery and mitigate the rapid use of the quota seen in recent years
# Measures

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<th>Qualification Criteria</th>
<th>Trip Limit</th>
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<td><strong>Tier 1</strong> <em>Either:</em></td>
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<td>• Landed at least 500,000 pounds in one year between 1997 and 2013 <strong>OR</strong></td>
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<td>• Purchased and installed a refrigerated seawater system, plate freezing system, or</td>
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<td>blast freezer between January 1, 2012 and August 2, 2013 and landed a minimum of</td>
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<td>200,000 pounds of Illex in the 2013 fishing year</td>
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<td><strong>Tier 2</strong></td>
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<td>• Landed at least 100,000 pounds in one year between 1997 and 2018</td>
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<td><strong>Tier 3</strong></td>
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- of the 75 current limited access moratorium permits, it is estimated that:
  - 35 would qualify for Tier 1,
  - 13 would qualify for Tier 2,
  - 2 would qualify for Tier 3, and
  - 25 would not qualify for any Tier.
Measures

- Tier 1 baseline measurement fish hold volume and a 10% upgrade restriction

- Clarify that daily catch reporting of *Illex* is required via Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) for vessels with limited access *Illex* permits on declared *Illex* trips
Next?

- See what NMFS decides
- If approved, support implementation...
- If disapproved, possible follow-up Amendment?