Illex Permits

April 2023
Now & recent...

- Limited access, about 75 permits
- Around 5-40 active year to year
- No closures 2005-2016
- Closures 2017-2021
- Didn’t catch much of 2022 quota
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
Next Steps

- Previous approach’s success seems unlikely
- Capacity is an issue in this and other fisheries
- Framework to consider implementing a volumetric vessel hold baseline requirement and upgrade restriction for all Illex limited access permits.
  - Like mackerel
  - Not perfect, but...