

Greeting:
History of IFQ program.

How the Gov. controls it with specie caps, yearly catch limits and observers.

Fishermen's Choices:

1. Catch quota whenever you want to:
 2. Gear switching
 3. Quota ownership: Sell or Lease
- Is a self managed program.**

Points:

1. Contrary to what you've heard, myself and many other Trawlers believe there really is no big problem with gear switching and we want to maintain our original agreement with the council. If you buy into what you have heard, from a few, than you make more work for yourselves and new Regulations for the Trawlers.

In our opinion, that's a Lose-Lose proposition

Look at what we're doing already. Wasting lots of time and money trying to solve someone else's problems!!! The Industry can and should work out our own problems. So we have no complaint to bring to the Council!!!

This is what we heard are the "Problems"

A. Problem: Pot fishermen are raising the cost of quota.

Here's the reality.

- i. Trawlers get more return per pound than Pot fisherman.
- ii. Outbid the Pot fishermen. (With your buyers Help)

B. Problem: Some Processors can't get enough bottom fish.

Here's the **Best Solution.**

I. The Processors can help their fishermen buy more Blackcod Quota. "Kick in" some money to help their boats get more Quota.

ii. If the processors help their trawlers buy more Quota, than for sure they can outbid the Pot Fishermen. (Don't go complaining to the Council. That will just mean more regulations. I thought we agreed to "Self Manage" our own fishery!!!)

iii. In fact, I believe it's some Processors that are pushing this "Big Problem" idea. These Processors just want the Council to put "unnecessary" regulations on the fishermen so they don't have to solve their own company problems. If so, when I was a Processor and needed more fish I'd pay more for the fish or help the fishermen in other ways. I never complained to the Council to solve **my own company problems. I just solved the problems myself.** That's called, "Self Management"!!!

History of the "36" Line:

1994 "36" Line established for Survey concerns.

2002 extended surveys to total coast. No more need for 36 Line.

What Biological or Scientific needs does the "36" Line fulfill today?

None!!!

Problems caused now by "36" Line:

1. Deprives **Northern** Trawlers of needed blackcod quota
2. **Tries to act** as a legal boundary between Blackcod and Southern Blackcod. However, Blackcod are migratory and swim both ways across the "36" Line in spite of the "Rules". **So, it really only, in a negative way, affects the Trawlers. Plus,** regulations cost money.
3. Picks Winners and Losers. Southern Blackcod cheaper, so leasing Southern fishermen can sell it cheaper.
4. Causes 1,500,000 pounds of unused, but needed Blackcod.
5. Allows for some Fishermen to get two (not one) "Caps" of Blackcod, especially if they are close to the "36" Line.
6. Trying to make a specie as if it's different from the same specie.
7. Causes Processors to get less necessary fish.
8. Causes Workers to have less or no work.
9. Causes fish dependent on shore facilities to make less sales; such as fuel facilities, marine stores, etc.
10. Causes a drop in tourism.
11. Causes the coastal communities to have less, much needed, revenue.
12. A healthy Trawl Fishery is the "Backbone" of most processors and coastal communities.

What benefit does the "36" Line do for the Trawlers?

1. None
2. None
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3. None

I believe it is an obligation of the Council to do what's best for the Trawlers and that's to help them, "Where Possible", to maximize their ability to catch their full quota. The Council should, "Where Possible" remove all restrictions preventing the trawlers from maximizing their legal catch; as the Council "Expects the Trawlers" to do **Their Best** to minimize "Waste and Discards".