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RE: Agenda Item H-3 , Sablefish Gear Switching

Chairman Gorelnik and council members

Point blank , the trawl fishery needs every pound of sable fish that is allocated to it (58%). The trawl fishery brings value and stability to ever port that its landed in ,and without 100 % of our sable it lowers our chances of attainment of other species (dover , petrale , thornyheads). Processors are wanting to invest , move forward ,provide stability to our communities . I know this because we made deliveries up to Ocean Gold Seafoods , who have installed a automated dover fillet line and they needed fish . But , we where running low on our sable , could not find any to lease , so OG covered our sable with there own to get the dover through there plant , I would call that wanting to move forward. Pacific Seafoods in Warrenton has installed automated fillet line as well , wanting to produce more dover . Sable is really the achilles of the trawl fishery , without it , the fishery will just limp along , not what anyone of us want . So this is why I would support alternative 3 with sub option 3 and 3 ,hoping to get down to a max 6.5% fixed gear attainment . This option would not allow me to ever fish fix gear with our boats , but this is how strong I fill about preserving the trawl fishery .

Thank you for time
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