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IFQ Focus Group Draft Meeting Summary



Discussions focus on:

- Minimizing Discards
- New entrants
- Fairness and equity
- Other issues

MEETING OBJECTIVES

• REVIEW CURRENT PROGRAM GOALS
• OBJECTIVES & RECOMMEND
THEIR REPLACEMENT/
RETENTION

• DEFINE THE CHANGES NEEDED
FOR AN IMPROVED IFQ PROGRAM
TO ADDRESS MINIMIZING
DISCARDS, FAIRNESS & EQUITY,
& NEW ENTRANTS ISSUES

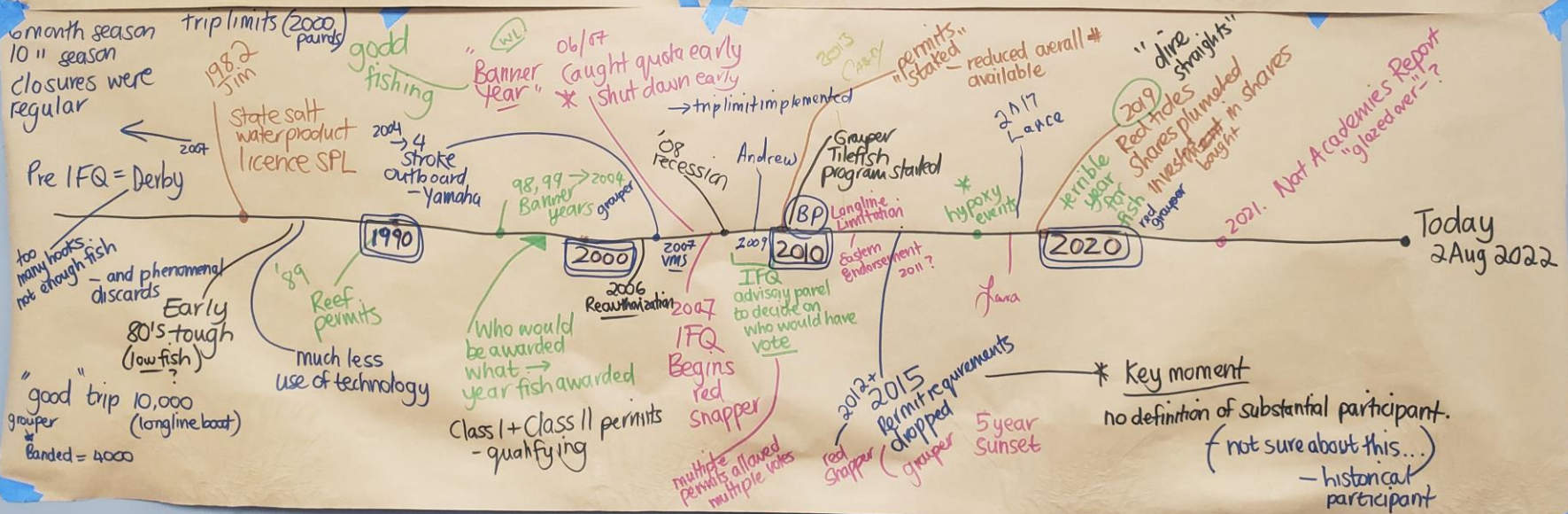
9 Members Attended

- Dealer
- Crew
- Permit holder who leases allocation
- ~~Eastern Gulf longliner who leases red snapper allocation~~
- 3 Shareholder positions (small, medium, large)
- Public participant
- New entrant
- Knowledgeable person, not financially invested (non-participant)

INTROS

1. NAME
2. LOCATION
3. ROLE IN IFQ PROGRAM
4. PHOTO OF FISHING EXPERIENCE

Timeline Activity



Discussing fairness and equity:

Fairness + Equity

- Fairness in effort
↳ has to be equal

time
hours
work

- Hard to make everyone happy
(80/20 rule)
- Fairness is hard to define

- Equal opportunity
(1st gen - sweat equity)
(2nd gen - monetary profitability)

Effort
is easily
defined

(... relative)
fairness
in effort

Promotes
investment
vs.
effort

— Flip Coin, No bias

(Need to define equity - too abstract)

Don't see anything (aside from money + effort) to
get into business

Brainstorming potential changes

NEGATIVE

NOTE: OTHER SPECIES NEEDED TO
1 FQ PROGRAM

Unstable for
long term Business
Planning

Leasing \$

Lease
Cost

Not enough
fish

Over Capitalizing
Effort

Access to
Fish

High Percentage
of the Allocation
is run by a Small
group of people

NEUTRAL

Designed
By Fishermen

NMFS
not using DATA
to help understand
stock

Access BARRIERS
for 2nd generation

Cost of leasing

Expensive

ISSUES WITH
PROGRAM DESIGN
& GOALS RELATIVE
TO MSA

Access FOR
SMALL + NEW
Entrants

RAVIFICATION OF
ABUNDANT 36B

POSITIVE

BETTER FISH THAT ACROSS SURE
PROFITABLE DREAMS

IMPROVED BUSINESS PLAN FOR MANAGING
RISK THROUGHOUT FISHING

1. Good for Business
Planning
~~and Flexibility~~

Flexibility

Sustainability
aspect

NO DERBY
(season)

IFB is good to
management of the
fish

Year round
Access

YEAR AROUND
CONSUMER
ACCESS

Fish can
catch all year
around.

Stewardship
of
Fishermen
actually Fishing

Check Value of
Fish in Market

1. MANAGEMENT OF
FISH STOCK

ENDED
Overharvest/
Accountability

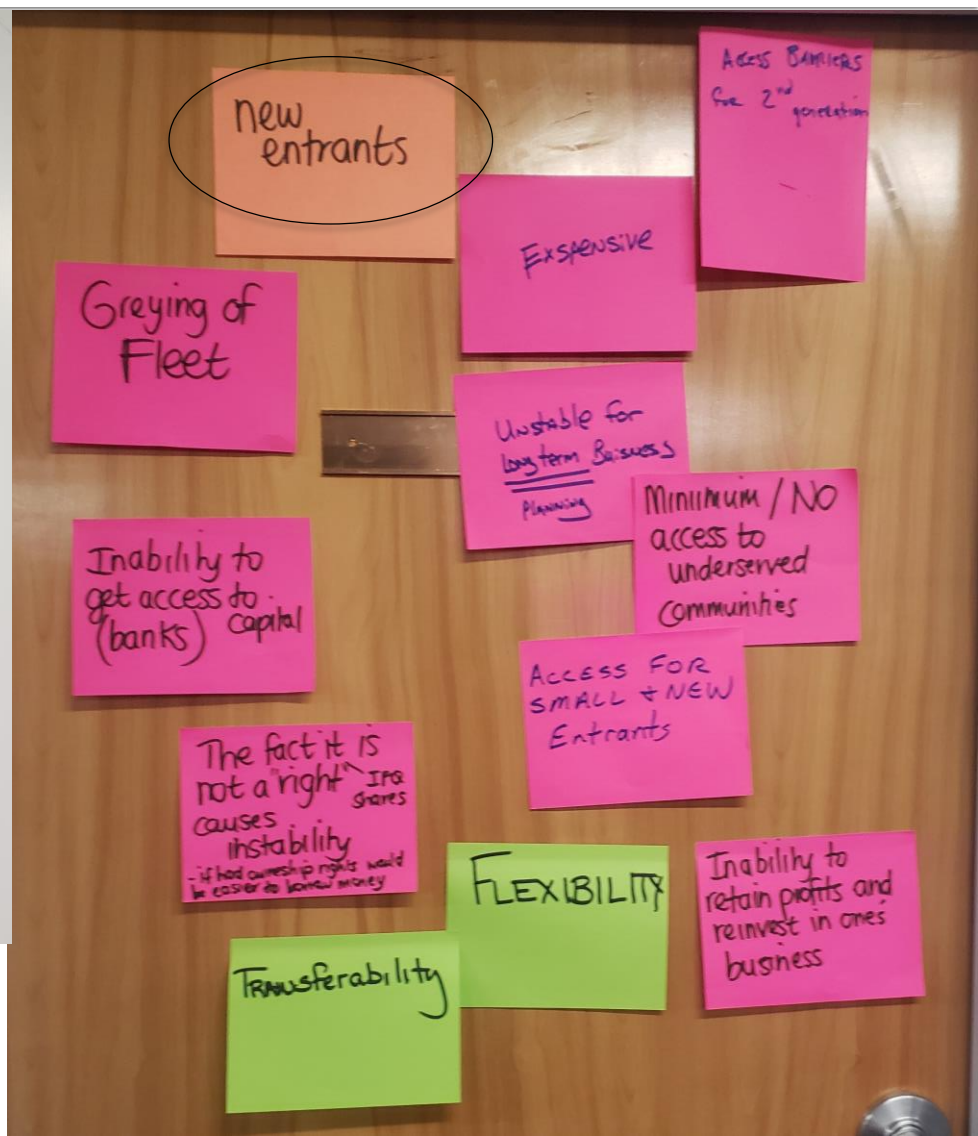
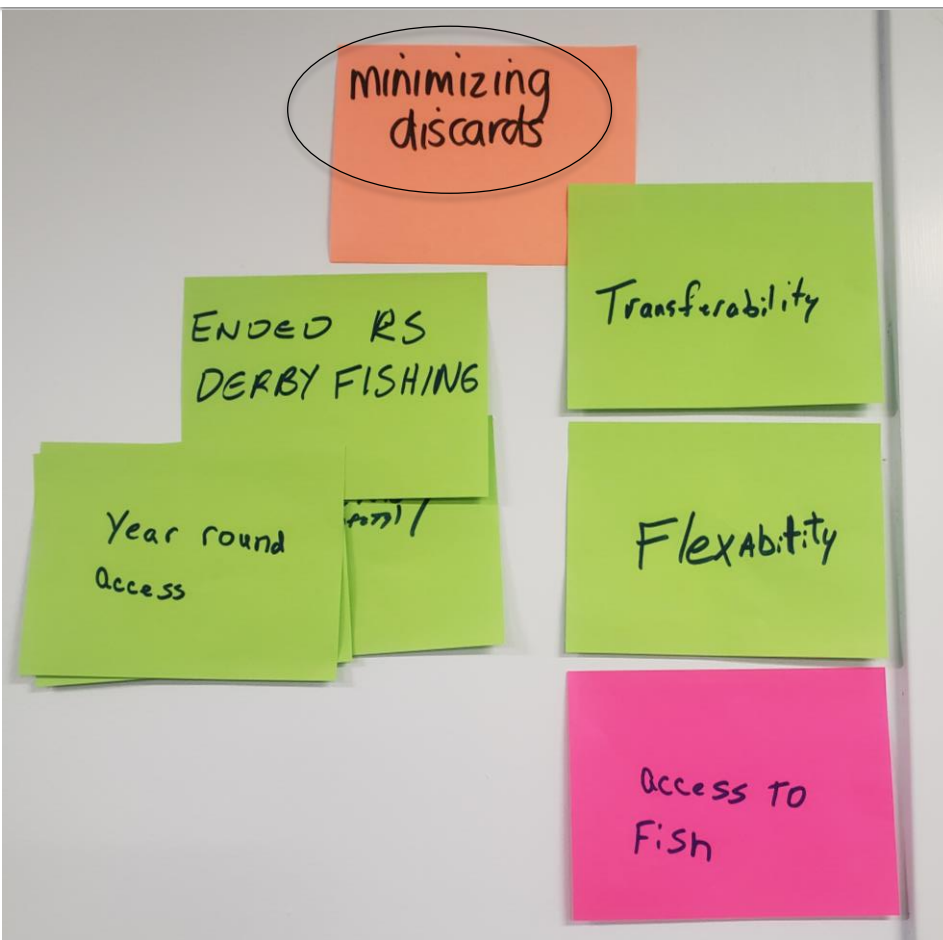
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ENDED RS
DERBY FISHING

YOU HAVE TO
FISH MANAGED

Transferability

Categorizing changes



Prioritized Potential Changes

We could minimize discards by...

- Reduce recreational fishermen's discards (because it affects the quota)
- Place-based vessel specific management (regional)

We could support new entrants by...

- Share ownership/rights
- Improve fishery finance program; make it more usable
- Get recreational fishery into accountability
- New entrant must be an active fisherman
- Define substantial participant
- Define new entrants
- Apprenticeship program for new entrants
- Percentage of future increases go to new entrants



Prioritized potential changes (cont.)

Other potential changes

- Defining substantial participant
- Additional species [put] under IFQs
- Shares tied to permit [emphasis added and dislike expressed]
- Allocation price caps (e.g., 25% of ex-vessel price)
- Revise qualifications for finance program so small fishers can qualify
- Secure property rights for shares
- Protect small owner-operated vessels
- Hold recreational sector accountable
- MREP required



Final discussions:

Post-it SUPERSTICKY EASEL PAD
TABLEAU À FEUILLES MOBILES SUPERCOLLANTES
SUPERADHESIVE BLOC DE HOJAS REPOSICIONABLES

25 IN/PO x 30 IN/PO
63.5 cm x 76.2 cm
5.2 SQ FT/PP (0.48)

DEFINITIONS

Why - so we can set & id.
People/positions

- be clear on who someone is
- clarifies things that were mentioned

Thoughts

Subst. Participant

Licensed Fisherman (actively involved in catching, landing or selling fish)

Fish house

Crew member (?)

Captain

Boat owner

Investor & shareholder

Harvesting
Process & Loading & selling

Who qualifies as a **substantial participant**?

- land (fishing) harvesting
 - ownership - shares
- ① go back to → to own permit up until 1 FG to 51% gross income was coming from fishing - landing

- fishhouses - (?)
- dealers
- investors

Limited access privilege

↳ this is a fisherman

(cons)
if do this to quickly could lock out lease dependent fishermen

- people who have the money could own all quota.

② Go back in time to when investors bought in - Give time to divest shares (2015 ?)

- Only people with permit qualify.

con. - loan program not functioning well enough yet

land 51% ~~of~~

- carve cuts (exemption to permit qualification)

(what about fish houses)

Proposal - Share ownership would not represent "substantial" participation (2-5 yrs)

- Use for log it is on record
- Give current investors time to divest
- Don't allow any new investors -

- Transparency of ownership is needed (need for clarity)

% divested shares provision

should be allocated in pool for diversified way to ensure smaller replacement entrants

Next Steps

- Draft report to be reviewed by facilitators and focus group members.
- Committee should consider options for a second focus group meeting.
- Questions?

