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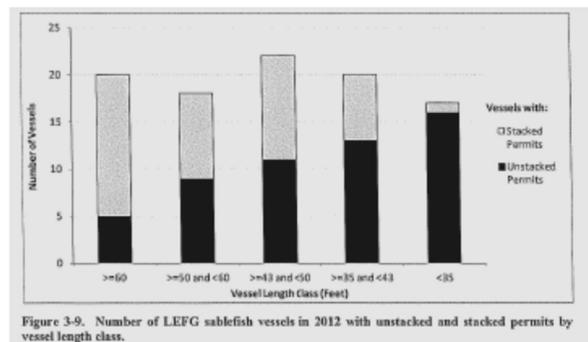
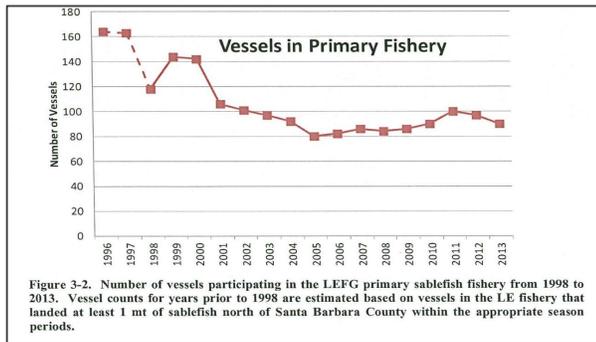
This newsletter will address the recent actions at the Pacific Council, the North Pacific Council, the IPHC, and prices paid to FVOA boats this spring.

### **\*\*Election of Officers\*\***

The Association held elections on February 26, 2014. The following members were elected: Officers - President – Per Odegaard, F/V Vansee; Vice-President – Paul Clampitt – F/V Augustine; and Treasurer – John Crowley, F/V Kristiana. Trustees with two years to serve are: John McHenry, F/V Seymour, Dwight Riederer, F/V Falcon, and Michael Offerman, F/V Kristiana. Trustees with one year to serve are: Arne Lee, F/V Evening Star, Jack Knutsen, F/V Grant, and Dave Glem. If you see these guys feel free to talk to them about your favorite fishing concerns.

### **\*\*Pacific Council\*\***

The Council has completed its' review of the Limited Entry Fixed Gear sablefish program. The review is mandated now by Magnuson Act requirements. The following are some of the findings. I want to thank Paul Clampitt and Mike Deach for attending the meeting in California.



Permit Category	Number of Permits	Average Length of Boat Fished on	Value of Tiers 2012
<b>Tier 1</b>	28	66.6	\$825,00 Pot Endorsed Asking Price
<b>Tier 2</b>	42	53.1	\$250,000 - \$350,000 depending on vessel length
<b>Tier 3</b>	94	47.0	\$145,000-\$170,000 Depending on vessel length
<b>Longline</b>	132	50.2	
<b>Pot</b>	28	60.4	
<b>Both Pot &amp; LL</b>	4	49.2	

The following are likely the harvest limits for sablefish in 2015/2016.

**Table 4-11. Preferred Alternative: Limited entry sablefish FMP allocations north of 36 N latitude for 2015-2016. The tiers for 2014 are: Tier 1 – 37,441; Tier 2 – 17,019; and Tier 3 – 9,725. The increase for 2015 is about 9%.**

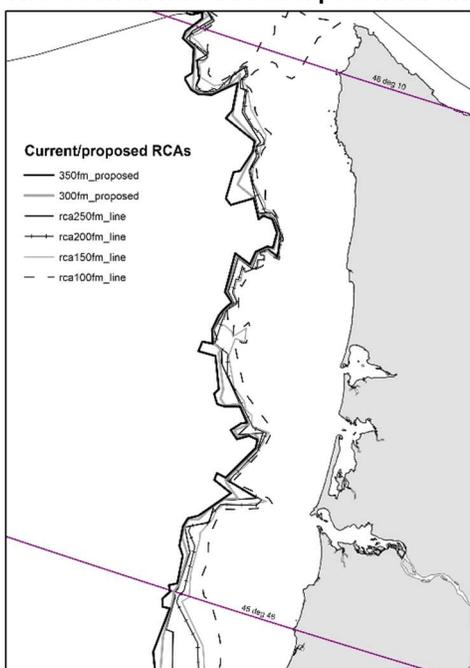
Year	ACL	Sablefish Com. HG	Limited Entry Share	LEFG Share (mt)				Estimated Tier limits (lbs) a/		
				Total Catch Share	Landed Catch Share a/	Primary Season Share	DTL Share	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
2015	4,793	4,281	3,878	1,629	1,571	1,336	236	41,175	18,716	10,695
2016	5,241	4,684	4,244	1,782	1,719	1,461	258	45,053	20,479	11,702

a/The limited entry fixed gear total catch share is reduced by the anticipated discard mortality of sablefish, based on WCGOP data from 2002 to 2012. In 2015-2016, 17.7 percent of the sablefish caught are anticipated to be discarded and 20 percent are expected to die.

The Council adopted its first change to the LEFG program in 12 years. The current regulations on ownership and control have been in conflict with rules in the North Pacific Council since 2002. There are 13 of the 97 vessels that fish off Washington, Oregon and California in the tier fishery who also have sablefish permits in Alaska. These vessels, due to having a 20% ownership in vessels in order to comply with regulations in Alaska, have been forced to sell off permits for the lower coast. The Pacific Council voted unanimously to provide for an exemption should you have a 20% ownership conflict. The new rule is written, such that, it will be incumbent on those with a conflict to submit an exemption request to NMFS. It will likely not go into place until 2016.

The NMFS will bundle the above control rule change with a previously voted on amendment, which will allow you to have both a trawl (for sablefish) and tiered (sablefish) permit on your vessel at the same time. This also will be effective for 2016, we hope.

The Council has added a potential amendment for consideration that would allow you to use pots or longlines with your tiered limits. This will be evaluated for its priority assignment against 70 other proposals in September. This was passed 9 to 5. Those in favor are trying to provide the longline fixed-gear fleets the same options that the trawlers have for fishing their Blackcod. Pots would help reduce Yellow-eye and Shortraker rough-eye bycatch. The Council will also look at allowing pot gear to fish shallower than 100 fathoms.



**Shortraker/Rough-eye.** In order to avoid exceeding harvest limits for Shortraker rough-eye, the Council is examining options for managing closures that could affect fixed-gear beginning in 2015. They have examined potential closures from depths ranging from 100 fathoms to 350 fathoms with latitude closures at Cape Alava, 48° 10' , Cape Falcon 45° 46' , and Cape Delgado, 40° 10' . See chart to the left.

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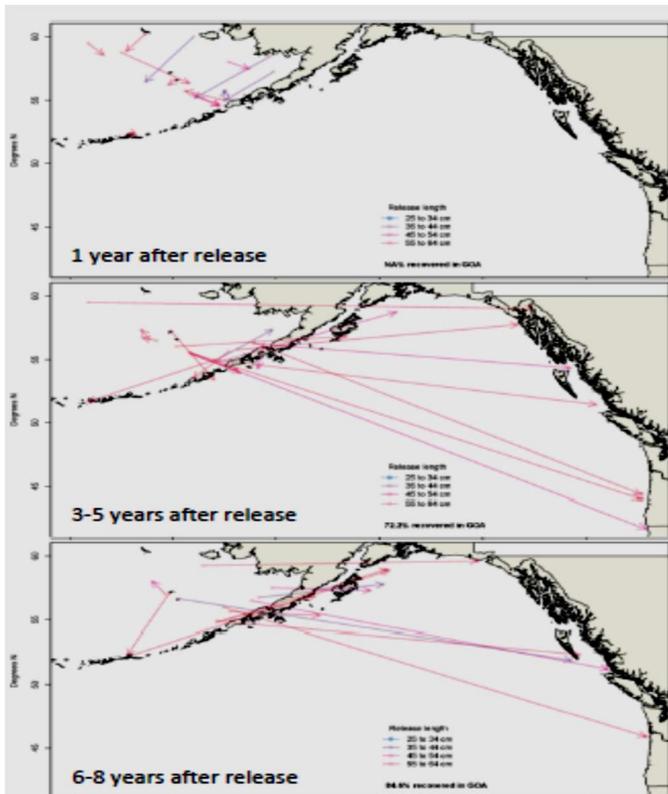
**Nome Meeting.** I want to thank John Crowley for his attendance and participation with the Advisory Panel. Thanks also to Leonard Herzog for attending and testifying. The main issue on the agenda for FVOA was the trawl and non-trawl halibut CAPs in the BSAI. As most of you recall, the IPHC scientists had wanted a 66% reduction in the directed fishery quotas in Areas 4CD&E. The Commission reduced the level by 33%. The Commissioners were hoping to get some help from the NPFMC.

The report to the NPFMC from IPHC on halibut bycatch indicated that the 2004-2006 year classes have disappeared from the Bering Sea. They were seen in trawl surveys, but have failed to materialize to the fishery or the set-line surveys. The BSAI accounts for 5.2 million pounds of halibut bycatch mortality, or 66% of the coast wide total. The directed harvest for 2014 is 1,283,800 pounds. It was expressed to the Council by IPHC Commissioners, Don Lane and Bob Alverson that it was their opinion, in order to rebuild the BSAI stock, help was needed from the NPFMC on lowering halibut bycatch. The halibut CAPs are 3,626 Mt (6 Milb. Net wt.) to trawl gear and 900 Mt (1.5 Milb) to fixed gear.

**Table 6. Estimated Total Halibut PSC Mortality by Major Apportionment Groups**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Trawl Gear</b>										
Trawl Halibut PSC Mortality (mt)										
A80-CPs	2,649	2,770	2,698	2,540	2,563	1,969	2,073	2,254	1,810	1,945
TRW Limited Access	878	538	768	841	781	738	727	485	637	967
Trawl CDQ	-	105	81	114	188	135	85	86	172	215
<b>Trawl Total</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>3,532</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>3,127</b>
<b>Non-Trawl Gear</b>										
Non-Trawl Halibut PSC Mortality (mt)										
LGL CPs & CVs	540	474	566	431	491	656	671	571	496	568
POT CPs & CVs	5	4	3	5	2	7	1	4	6	5
Non-Trawl CDQ	-	50	49	45	58	79	66	73	51	37
<b>Non-Trawl Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>611</b>
Unattributed CDQ	187	17	17	10	1	1	4	3	20	20
<b>All Gear Total</b>	<b>4,072</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>3,976</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>3,624</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>3,738</b>

Source: Developed by Northern Economics based on CAS data from AKFIN.



The trawl CAPs have not resulted in a trawl closure for the last 4 years. The trawlers have averaged 12% below their CAPs. The concern is that the density and abundance of halibut are significantly less. The IPHC has reviewed their tagging information. They believe 6% of the adult halibut leave the BSAI annually for the GOA and from ages 3 to 7, over 70% of the juveniles leave over a 5-year period traveling all the way to northern California. The juveniles in the BSAI and their outward migration have a bigger impact on the GOA and Area 2, than previously thought. The IPHC tagging data shows that after the first year of release, the juveniles stay in the halibut survey area, but after 3 to 5 years, there is considerable out migration south and eastward all the way to Northern California.

Table 16 below shows the amount of migrating fish over 32 inches in size that travel into any particular area. For instance, 4A gets 1.4% annually from other areas, primarily 4D, while 3B gets 11.1%; 3A 9.9%; 2C 6.3%; and, 2B 9.4%.

**Table 16. Annual immigration rates (%) of O32 halibut biomass into each area broken down by source of immigration (from Webster 2010).**

Area	Source of immigration					Total
	4A	3B	3A	2C	2B	
4A		0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.4
3B	2.1		9.1	0.0	0.0	11.1
3A	2.8	6.5		0.5	0.1	9.9
2C	2.2	1.8	1.2		1.2	6.3
2B	2.0	0.8	1.2	5.4		9.4

**Table 17. Annual emigration rates (%) of O32 halibut biomass out of each area broken down by destination of emigration (from Webster 2010).**

Area	Destination of emigration					Total
	4A	3B	3A	2C	2B	
4A		5.4	12.6	2.0	2.6	22.6
3B	0.2		11.1	0.6	0.4	12.4
3A	0.1	5.3		0.3	0.4	5.9
2C	0.0	0.0	2.2		7.6	9.8
2B	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.9		1.6

Table 17 shows how over 32 inch fish leave an area annually. 4A loses 22.6% to other areas; 3B loses 12.4%; 3A loses 5.9%; 2C loses 9.8% and 2B loses 1.6%.

The net for each area would be found by subtracting Table 17 from Table 16 for each area. 4A nets an out-migration of -21.3%; 3B has a net -1.3% out-migration; 3A has a 3.9% net gain; 2C has a net out-migration of -3.4%; and 2B a net gain of 7.8%. Hopefully the table below shows that we have bottomed out on biomass declines. Nos. are in millions of pounds

Year	Age-8+ Biomass	Spawning Biomass	Age-0 Recruits	Exploitable Biomass
2004	1,154.1	349.5	69.4	403.1
2005	1,038.9	309.5	63.6	353.7
2006	979.0	276.2	33.9	308.6
2007	973.5	250.6	30.6	268.4
2008	927.7	231.1	36.7	235.2
2009	845.6	207.6	47.6	202.7
2010	809.6	197.3	48.1	185.3
2011	744.2	189.8	47.9	174.6
2012	725.1	185.2	47.7	168.9
2013	702.2	181.8	47.5	168.4
2014	667.5	183.1	47.6	170.3

**Council Actions on BSAI Halibut Bycatch.** The Council asked all industry sectors to voluntarily reduce halibut mortalities in the BSAI by 10% from the current 5-year average levels, through 2014-15. The Council has

asked industry participants to report back regarding their efforts. Additionally, the Council has proposed to amend the BSAI Groundfish plan to revised halibut PSC limits as follows.

- Option 1.** Establish season apportionment of halibut PSC in the BSAI trawl limited access sector.
- Option** Reduce halibut PSC limit for the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sector by:  
a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent
- Option 4.** Reduce halibut PSC limit for the Amendment 80 Sector by:  
a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent
- Option 5.** Reduce halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line catcher vessel sector by:  
a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent
- Option 6.** Reduce halibut PSC limit for hook-and-line catcher/processor sector by:  
a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent
- Option 7.** Reduce the CDQ halibut PSQ limit by:  
a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent

**Amended Observer Program.** The amended observer program that focuses on catcher vessels, principally in the GOA, was reviewed with some changes recommended for 2015. The biggest change for 2015 will be that vessels from 40' to 57.5' will be treated the same as those >57.5' in that they will call in before each trip. They will no longer be subject to the 60 days coverage requirements. **The Council wants more coverage on the trawl vessels and larger fixed-gear vessels.**

The following, however, is greatly disturbing. The exemption to take an observer for those deliveries to tenders was supposed to be fixed at the October meeting. NMFS lobbied hard not to do this fix arguing that should the Council vote for Gulf Rationalization, it will require 100% coverage on the trawl fleet so there is no need to change the tender exemption. However, that action is probably 5-years out for a final implementation on Gulf Rationalization. Also, the observer coverage rates below are greatly disappointing.

	Deepwater Flats Trawl	Pacific Cod Trawl	Non-Pelagic Pollack	Pelagic Trawl
2012	25%	22%	42%	26%
2013	20%	10%	14%	15%

The cod and pelagic numbers are even lower for 2013 if you consider the fish delivered to tenders is not part of the denominator. It will be interesting to see if the NMFS re-focuses coverage as requested by the NPFMC or not.

The revenues to pay for the observer program are as follows: Fixed-gear pays for 79% of the costs while catching 15-17% of the resource and associated habitat and resource impacts.

Table 2-1. 2013 observer fee liability by gear, vessel size category, and species or species group for *all areas combined*.

Gear	Vessel Length Category	Halibut	Sablefish	Pacific Cod	Pollock	All Other Groundfish	Total All Species
Hook and Line	<40	\$274,842	\$27,136	\$11,619	\$57	\$1,017	\$314,671
	40 - 57.5	\$507,419	\$359,133	\$37,507	\$133	\$10,587	\$914,779
	>57.5	\$844,654	\$871,662	\$26,421	\$67	\$11,730	\$1,754,534
H&L Total		\$1,626,915	\$1,257,931	\$75,547	\$257	\$23,333	\$2,983,983
Jig	<40	\$3,388		\$494	\$2	\$110	\$3,994
	40 - 57.5	\$408		\$2,478	\$2	\$125	\$3,013
	>57.5	\$3		\$50		\$11	\$64
Jig Total		\$3,799		\$3,022	\$4	\$246	\$7,071
Pot	<40			\$130		\$22	\$152
	40 - 57.5			\$16,949	\$1	\$49	\$16,999
	>57.5		\$43,330	\$306,767	\$44	\$2,040	\$352,181
Pot Total			\$43,330	\$323,846	\$45	\$2,111	\$369,332
Trawl	40 - 57.5			\$2,913	\$9,333	\$361	\$12,607
	>57.5		\$3,561	\$390,125	\$423,287	\$61,486	\$878,459
	Trawl Total			\$3,561	\$393,038	\$432,620	\$61,847
Total All Gear		\$1,630,714 (38%)	\$1,304,822 (31%)	\$795,453 (19%)	\$432,926 (10%)	\$87,538 (2%)	\$4,251,452 (100%)

Note: Rounding error sometimes results in slight differences in row and column totals.

**Previous Actions.** Halibut/Sablefish IFQ revised hired skipper provision – the control rule that cuts off initial recipients from purchasing new quota without being on the vessel as of 2-12-2010, is still at NOAA in Washington, D.C. It is not final yet.

**Upcoming Issues.** The amendment document that will allow pots for sablefish in the GOA should be available in late August or September. The Council will review it, perhaps add and subtract some options depending on public comment and take final action possibly at the March or April 2015 Council meetings.

**Can't Do That.** A court decision on the East Coast has resulted in the NMFS not being able to roll overages and underages. Our halibut/sablefish program allows a 10% overage and underage roll from one year to another. We have never exceeded a TAC, but this very functional mechanism maybe in jeopardy. The Pacific Council has this problem as well, but is going to continue their overage and underage as long as the TAC is less than the ABC.

## \*\*Markets\*\*

**Halibut.** June halibut prices have topped opening prices in March. Seward prices for June deliveries have been 10-20's - \$6.75 up from \$6.25; 20-40's - \$7.00 up from \$6.50; and, 40 Ups - \$7.25, up from \$6.75. A June Bellingham delivery brought 10-20's - \$7.40; 20-40's - \$7.50; and 40 ups - \$7.80. The price reflects lower supply with the 33% cuts in Areas 3A and 3B and a 42% reduction in 4A. With half the quota caught this summer, fall prices should remain strong.

Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ Allocations and Landings For Fishing Year 2014						
[————— TAC —————]						
Area	Species	Vessel Landings	Total Catch Pounds	Allocation Pounds	Remaining Pounds	Percent Landed
2C	Halibut	641	2,091,823	3,318,720	1,226,897	63
3A	Halibut	809	4,412,304	7,317,730	2,905,426	60
3B	Halibut	151	1,026,476	2,840,000	1,813,524	36
4A	Halibut	40	299,288	850,000	550,712	35
4B	Halibut	26	284,359	912,000	627,641	31
4C/4D	Halibut	18	347,170	715,920	368,750	48
	Total	1,685	8,461,420	15,954,370	7,492,950	53

**Sablefish.** Sablefish prices have been rising since the March opening. Supply is slightly down with the 15% reduction in Alaska waters. The Pacific Coast fishery had a 5% increase in volume. Overall, supply is slightly down overall, while the yen vs. the dollar is steady at 103 Yen/\$. However, both countries are printing money at an alarming speed. Inventories are moderate. Prices paid FVOA boats in Homer in June was U-3 - \$4.20; 3-4 - \$4.90 to \$4.95; 4-5 - \$5.15 to 5.35; 5-7 - \$6.00 and 7-ups \$7.00; April Bellingham and Neah Bay prices for

the lower coast were 0-2 - \$2.25; 2-3 - \$3.75; 3-4 - \$4.30; 4-5 - \$4.70; 5-7 - \$5.75; and 7 ups - \$6.25.

Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Allocations and Landings For Fishing Year 2014 [————— TAC —————]						
Area	Species	Vessel Landings	Total Catch Pounds	Allocation Pounds	Remaining Pounds	Percent Landed
AI	Sablefish	24	576,382	2,394,196	1,817,814	24
BS	Sablefish	40	212,539	1,181,666	969,127	18
CG	Sablefish	385	5,939,381	8,256,227	2,316,846	72
SE	Sablefish	367	4,258,249	5,941,397	1,683,148	72
WG	Sablefish	57	914,186	2,610,246	1,696,060	35
WY	Sablefish	148	2,640,798	3,295,877	655,079	80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>14,541,535</b>	<b>23,679,609</b>	<b>9,138,074</b>	<b>61</b>

## **\*\*Second Watch\*\***

**Please Welcome Two New Sustaining Sponsors.** Please welcome Mustad Autoline of Seattle, Washington, Jahn N. Noel, General Manager; and Sullivan & Richards, LLP, Seattle, Washington, Joe Sullivan and Andrew Richards, attorneys. Thank you for your support!

**Kristofer Knutsen – 1936-2014.** Longtime Ballard fixture to both the crab and recently BSAI Blackcod fisherman, passed away. He was first class.

**Contamination – Not!** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), in concern with the FDA have tested salmon, sablefish, and halibut from Alaska and found (as expected) no signs of Fukushima radiation contamination.

**Reward.** Tagged sablefish, yellow, red or orange, are located below the first dorsal fin. They are about 3 inches long. Some have an additional 3 inch depth recording tag. These tags are worth \$500. Return to Sablefish Tag Program, NOAA/NMFS Auke Bay Laboratories, 17109 Pt. Lena Loop Rd., Juneau, AK 99801.

**Jim Cole,** who authored a recent book, which FVOA helped sponsor, “Drawings on Our History, Fishing Vessels of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska,” won the Benjamin Franklin literary award for his historical drawings of vessels.

**Health, Science & Environment.** A study suggests 32% of imported fish into the U.S. is caught illegally. “The seafood on your dinner plate is starting to look a little fishy. A new study that examined illegal and unreported marine harvest brought into the United States found that some fish shouldn’t be on U.S. tables. Up to 32 percent of imported wild shrimp, crab, salmon, Pollock, tuna and other catch is poached, according to the study.”

**Observer “Oops”.** An FVOA vessel fishing off of Washington, Oregon and California took an observer. During the review and meet and greet process on the vessel, the observer told the crew no drugs would be allowed on the vessel except for marijuana. The skipper correctly informed the observer that fishing vessels come under federal jurisdiction of the US coast Guard and that marijuana was a federally controlled substance and that no drugs whatsoever were allowed on his vessel. The USCG and NMFS enforcement for the Pacific Council confirmed this. Even if the vessel is within three miles of the State of Washington, federal laws prevail on your vessel.

**QS Survivorship Regulations.** When planning for what will happen to your halibut and sablefish quota shares (QS) at your death, it is important to consider the regulation at 50 C.F.R. § 679.41(k). Here are two examples of how that regulation works – one involving a married person, the other involving a single person.

1) Married at death: If you are married at death, NMFS will transfer the QS in your name to your spouse, unless your Will says the QS should go to someone else. If your Will does not name anyone else as the

recipient of the QS, NMFS will transfer the QS to your spouse and will allow him or her to lease out the annual individual fishing quota (IFQ) for 3 years, without having to personally be on board the harvesting vessel. (This is an exception to the general prohibition against leasing.) After that leasing period, NMFS will stop issuing annual IFQ to your spouse if he or she does not meet the otherwise-applicable requirements to receive QS (150 sea days, etc.).

If you are married but your Will says someone other than your spouse should receive the QS, NMFS will transfer the QS to that person. If that person happens to be otherwise qualified to receive QS (has 150 sea days, etc.), NMFS will issue annual IFQ to that person. If that person is not otherwise qualified to receive QS, NMFS will not issue annual IFQ to that person or allow that person to lease IFQ.

2) Single at death with a “designated beneficiary”: If you are single at death, your “designated beneficiary” will have the same rights as a spouse. The designated beneficiary must be from your immediate family and must be designated by filling out and sending to NMFS the form available at [https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/beneficiary\\_form.pdf](https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/beneficiary_form.pdf). As with a spouse, a Will naming someone other than your designated beneficiary as the recipient of your QS would control, and the person named in the Will would receive the QS.

Additional information is available at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/ifq/survivorship.htm>. That publication and this article are for informational purposes only and are not intended to provide legal advice, and do not attempt to cover all the situations that could arise at death or the rules for other fisheries, like crab, with QS.

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## ***\*\*Washington, D.C.\*\****

**Pacific Council.** Senator Cantwell (D-WA) helped provide action in Washington, D.C. to lengthen the lower coasts buy-back loan from 30 to 45 years and lower the interest rate from 5% to 3%.

**Washington, D.C.** Senator Lisa Murkowski took the opportunity of the Food and Drug Administration Director’s appearance on Capitol Hill to remind the FDA of Alaskans’ deep concerns over genetically-engineered salmon, urging her repeatedly to not approve Frankenfish and to look critically at the wide range of threats it poses. After Murkowski’s remarks and questioning, the FDA Director committed to her that unless safety can be guaranteed, then approval will not be granted.

**Magnuson-Stevens Act.** The House Bill out of Congressman Doc Hasting’s office may pass before the elections; however, the betting line is that the Senate will not act on their amendments. So it will take two more years to complete the amendment process.

**House Bill 3464 Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Covered Vessel.** This legislation, which would exempt the commercial fishing fleet from certain EPA permitting due to water on the deck, has run aground in the Senate recently due to complications on ballast water discharge issues. The House passed a permanent exemption for fishing vessels. There is time to save this legislation but time is running out.

## ***\*\*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration\*\****

Festivities started on Thursday, February 13, 2014, with the Parade of Vessels from Fishermen’s Terminal in Seattle to the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) in south Lake Union. Blue skies welcomed the day and the public lined the shores to view the historic vessels. Per Odegaard, F/V Vansee, lead the parade followed by John McHenry, F/V Seymour, Jack Knutsen, F/V Grant, Wade Bassi, F/V Polaris, Arne Lee, F/V Evening Star, John Crowley and Michael Offerman, F/V Kristiana, Gary Olsen, F/V St. John II, and Dave Ericksen, F/V

**Memories.**

This was followed by an exhibit of the **Longline Centennials Project** at the Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) that evening. The Center for Wooden Boats worked with FVOA over the past year to help document our history both in the Longline Centennials Project and an oral history of some of our members which debuted at our Anniversary celebration. The exhibit at the CWB goes through the rest of 2014 and possibly into 2015. The booklet entitled, "Highliners, Boats of the Century, Longline Centennials Project" is available from the Center for Wooden Boats (206) 382-2628.

Over 200 people attended the FVOA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the MOHAI on Saturday, February 15, 2014. It was a blustery evening outside but participants managed to dodge the rain drops and dealt with the wind blowing umbrellas inside out. Our eight member vessels moored outside helped provide a magical setting for our event.

The evening was festive with the cocktail hour starting off in the Lakeside Pavilion. Several videos were shown and the **Historic oral history** video was debuted. The museum provided the perfect backdrop for our gala. Photo presentations provided by FVOA and the Center for Wooden Boats in addition to the Museum pieces provided spectacular viewing for participants. A couple interactive historical pieces provided an opportunity for members to get hands-on. A dinner of halibut (of course) and steak followed by a dessert buffet in the Grand Atrium delighted the attendees.

A photo was taken of our current members present to document our membership at 100. (One of the pictures available for viewing was of our original members in 1914.) Presentations were made to the current officers and trustees of the FVOA for their dedication and participation. Eric Olsen was presented a gavel/plaque for serving as President for 25 years. The members presented Manager, Bob Alverson, with a crystal decanter in recognition of 40 years with FVOA. Dr. Bruce Leaman of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) presented a halibut metal sculpture to FVOA in recognition of our 100 years anniversary. Congresswoman Jolene Unsoeld, Senator Slade Gorton and Congressman Jim McDermott were gracious attendees from former and present administrations. Members came from the West Coast, as well as Montana, Arizona and Alaska. "Cutting Bait" provided the best music ever and everyone danced until it was time to go home.

In addition to the Longline Centennial Project and the Historical Oral Interviews, FVOA debuted its **Heritage Cookbook** and this was met with great anticipation. This also was a year-long project and members submitted historic and current recipes, photos, and stories. This is available at the FVOA office for \$20/ea. An order form is included in this mailing. A limited number of DVDs of the Historical Halibut Interviews, are also available at the FVOA office.

So, if you missed this celebration, go to the FVOA website, [www.fvoa.org](http://www.fvoa.org) and look at the pictures and/or order pictures. There are some wonderful memories!

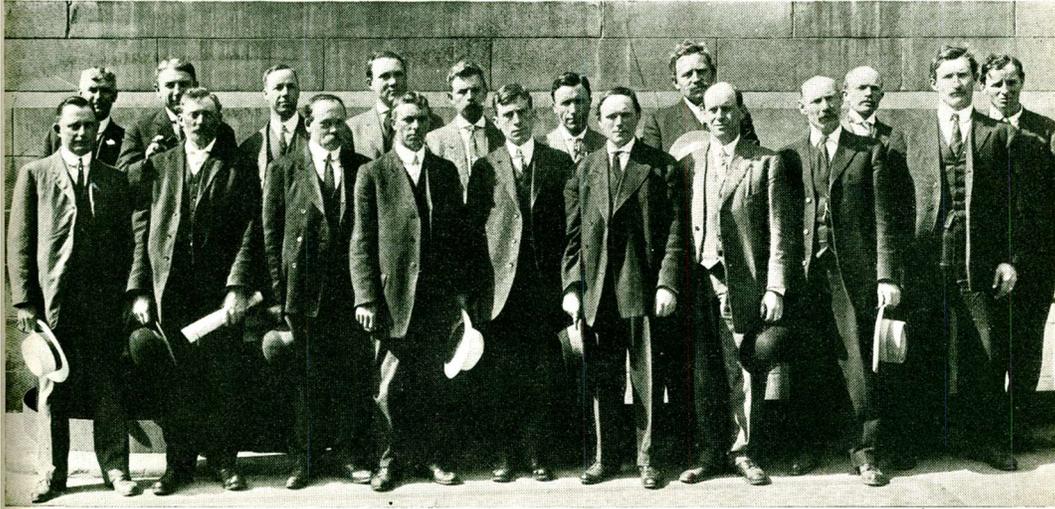
A special thanks to all who attended and all of our contributors and volunteers who made our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary such a success. Thank you.



Parade of vessels lead by the F/V Vansee on 2/13/14, followed by the F/V Seymour, F/V Grant, F/V Polaris, F/V Kristiana, F/V Evening Star, F/V St. John II, and F/V Memories. These vessels moored at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) for a week for the public to view.

Photos by Tyler Ray





**PACIFIC COAST HALIBUT VESSEL OWNERS GATHER.**  
A gathering of representative members of the Pacific Coast Halibut Producers Association is shown in the above picture made at one of the first gatherings of the association. Those shown are as follows: (Back row) T. P. Quinn, E. A. Sims, Harold Lee (President), M. Rolie, Albert Lindvåg, Harold Engdal, Oiaf Eervold, B. Olson, M. Scott. (Front row) E. C. Forbes, Fred Abramson, H. Nesland, John Lindvåg, Miller Freeman (Secretary), Jacob Engdal, A. M. Winge, W. H. Butt, A. Eliason.

**Membership in 1914**



**Members Now - 100 years later**



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Congressman McDermot stands next to a petition from the Washington delegation endorsing our IFQ program in 1995.



Former Congresswoman Unsoeld and former Senator Slade Gorton were signers on the petition along with Congressman McDermott. All were in attendance at the 100th Anniversary celebration.



Members Eric & Karen Olsen and John & Dorota McHenry welcome guests!



Members enjoying cocktails and exhibits



Hard working volunteers, Laura and Carin, before the festivities get underway



Another hard working volunteer, Peggy, and her son, Kyle



Old friends chatting



Dinner is served!



Dancing was enjoyed by all

**\*\*Calendar of Events\*\***

<b>July 4, 2014</b>	Office Closed 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	
<b>September 12-17, 2014</b>	PFMC Meeting	Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center
<b>October 4, 2014</b>	Fishermen's Fall Festival	Fishermen's Terminal Seattle, WA
<b>October 6-13, 2014</b>	NPFMC Meeting	Anchorage Hilton Anchorage, AK
<b>November 14-19, 2014</b>	PFMC Meeting	Hilton Orange County Costa Mesa, CA
<b>November 27-28, 2014</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	
<b>December 8-16, 2014</b>	NPFMC Meeting	Anchorage Hilton Anchorage, AK
<b>December 24-26, 2014</b>	Office Closed Christmas Holiday	
<b>January 26-30, 2015</b>	IPHC Annual Meeting	Vancouver, B.C.



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