



Illex Permit Action Update

Aug 2022

Overview

- Timeline
- Intent
- Measures

Outcome: Mostly informational

Timeline

- July 2020 – Council Final Action
- June 2022 – Notice of Availability
- September 2022 – NMFS approval/disapproval decision
- Proposed Rule?

Intent

- Reduce excess capacity in the *Illex* fishery and mitigate the rapid use of the quota seen in recent years

Measures

	Qualification Criteria	Trip Limit
Tier 1	<i>Either:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landed at least 500,000 pounds in one year between 1997 and 2013 <u>OR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchased and installed a refrigerated seawater system, plate freezing system, or blast freezer between January 1, 2012 and August 2, 2013 and landed a minimum of 200,000 pounds of Illex in the 2013 fishing year	None
Tier 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landed at least 100,000 pounds in one year between 1997 and 2018	62,000 pounds
Tier 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landed at least 50,000 pounds in one year between 1997 and 2018	20,000 pounds

Measures

- of the 75 current limited access moratorium permits, it is estimated that:
 - 35 would qualify for Tier 1,
 - 13 would qualify for Tier 2,
 - 2 would qualify for Tier 3, and
 - 25 would not qualify for any Tier.

Measures

- Tier 1 baseline measurement fish hold volume and a 10% upgrade restriction
- Clarify that daily catch reporting of *Illex* is required via Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) for vessels with limited access *Illex* permits on declared *Illex* trips

Next?

- See what NMFS decides
- If approved, support implementation...
- If disapproved, possible follow-up Amendment?