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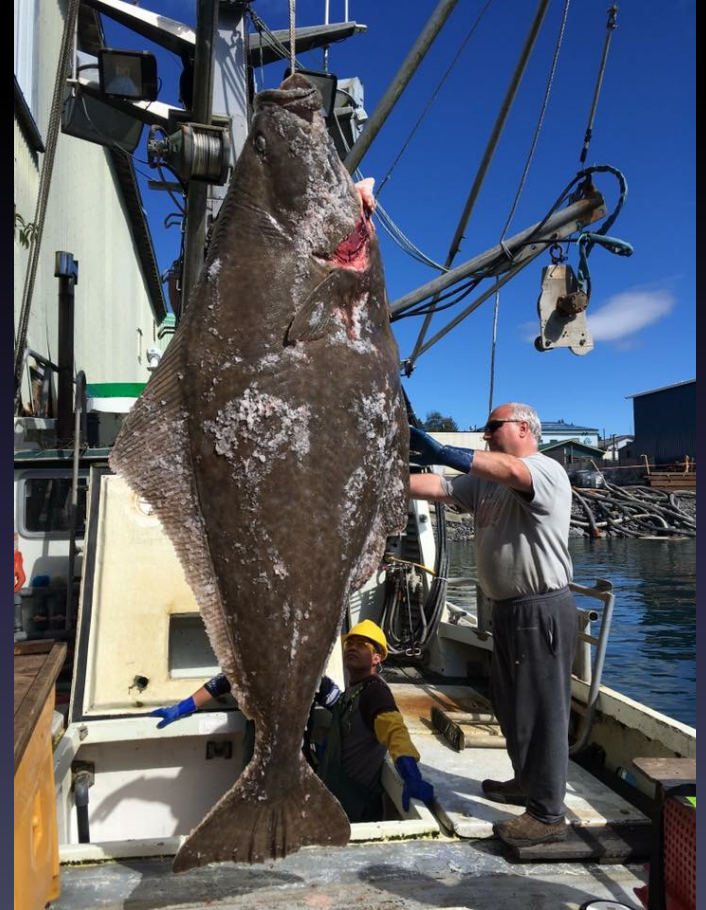
Recreational Quota Entity

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A Market-Based Approach for Transferring
Allocation between Fishing Sectors

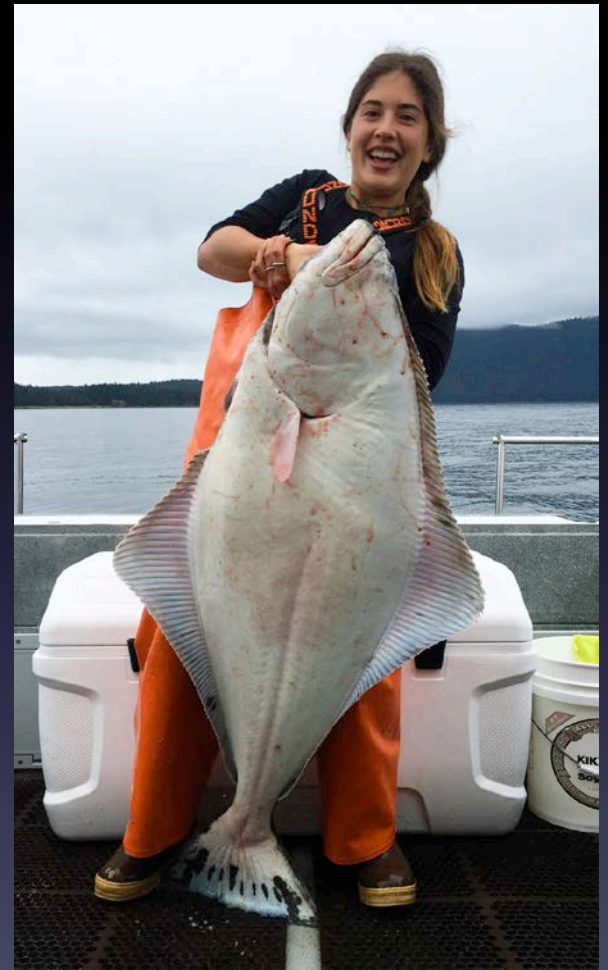
Pacific Halibut

- Highly sought after fish, both Commercially and Recreationally.
- Can grow up to eight feet long and weigh over 300 pounds.
- Managed by the IPHC (Halibut Act) & NMFS (MSA).



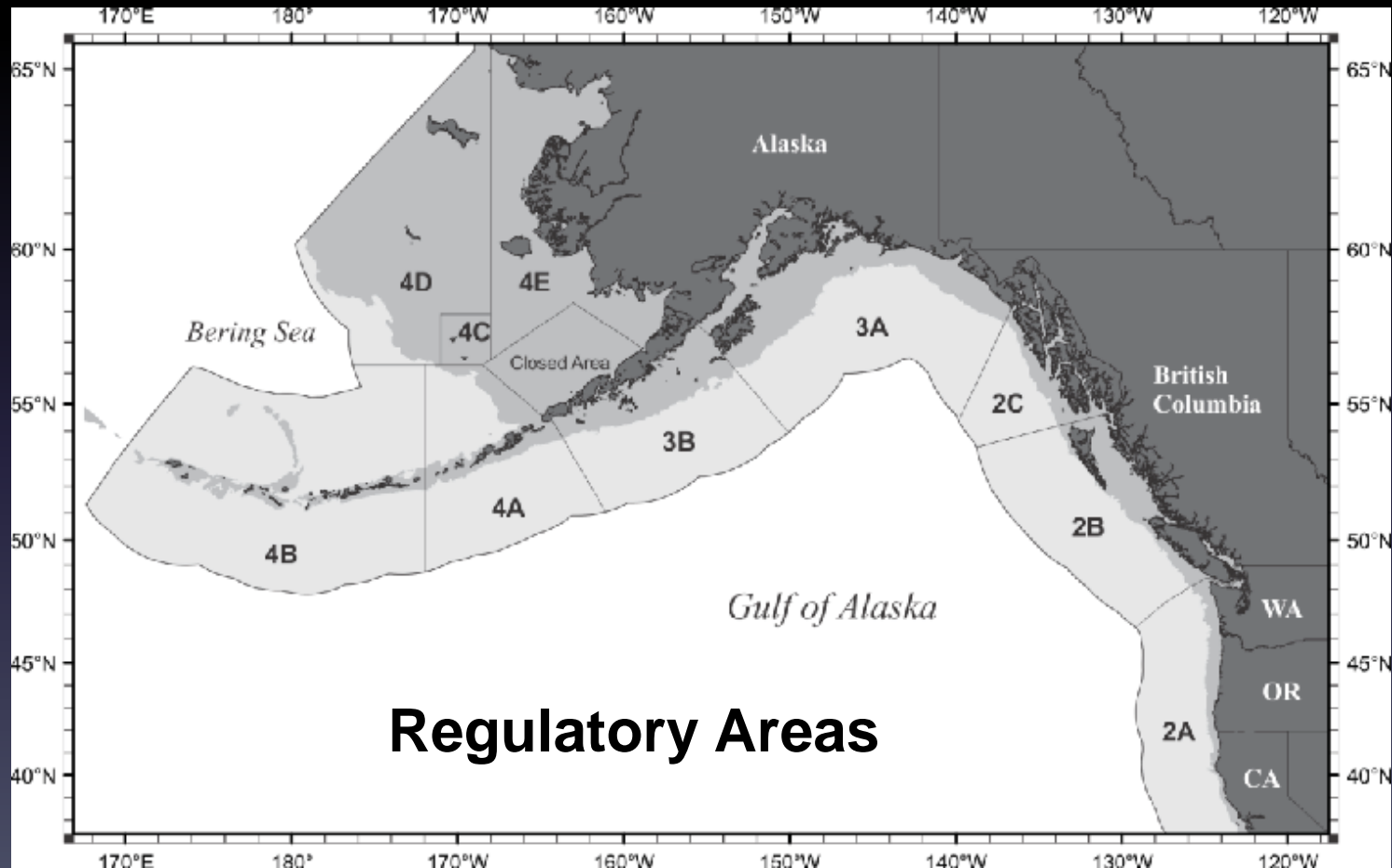
Management History

- 1995 – Commercial IFQ Fishery Established
- 2003 – Charter Sector managed under GHL
- 2011 – Charter Sector CHLAP limited entry
- 2014 – Catch Sharing Plan



How Annual Bag Limits are Set

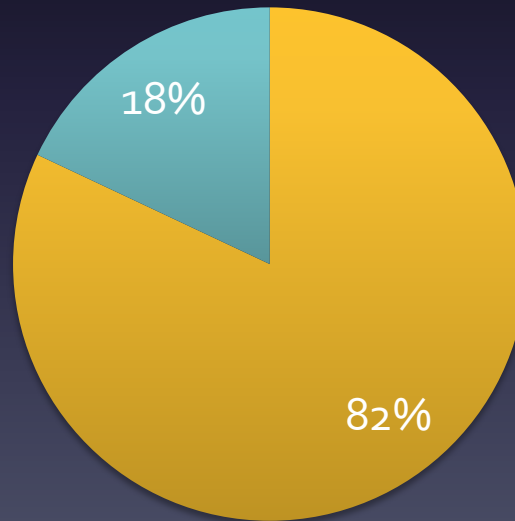
IPHC establishes annual catch limits



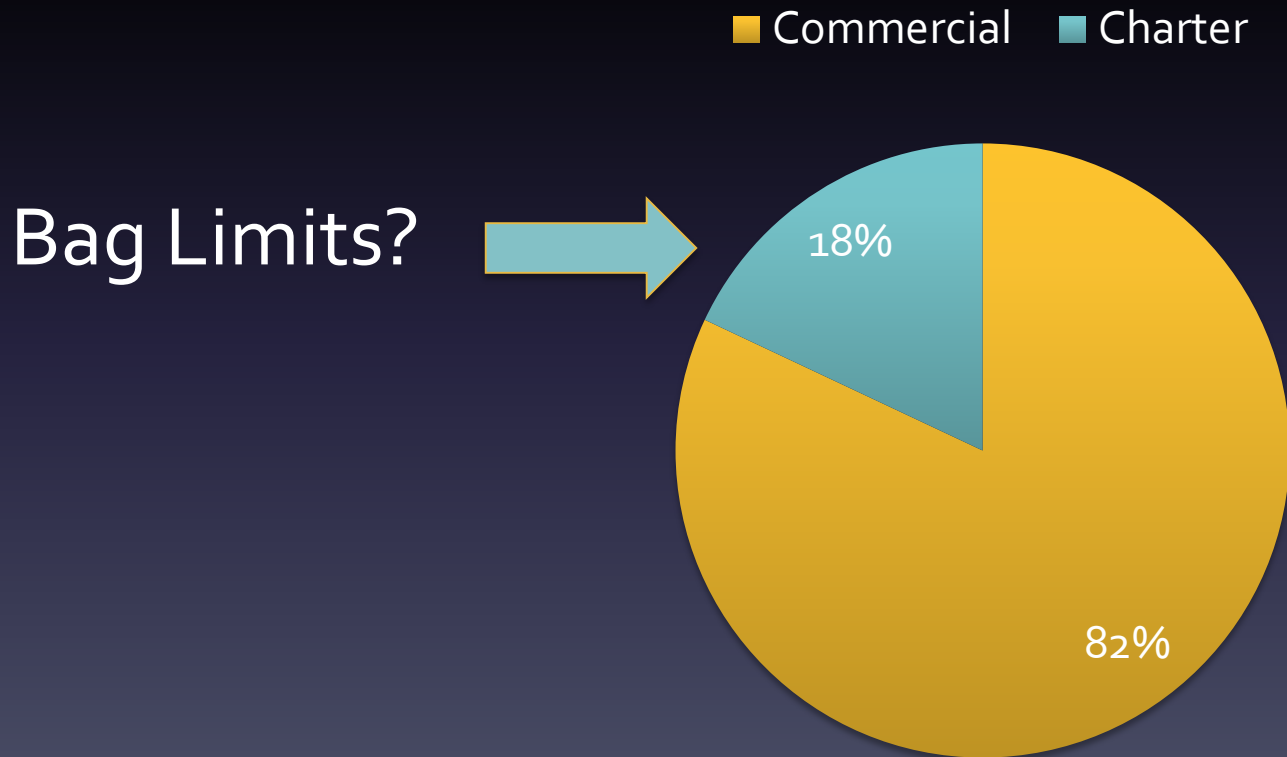
Under a Catch Sharing Plan
Guided Recreational Anglers receive 18%

Combined Catch Limits


■ Commercial ■ Charter



Harvest restrictions are selected to keep harvest within the 18% allocation.



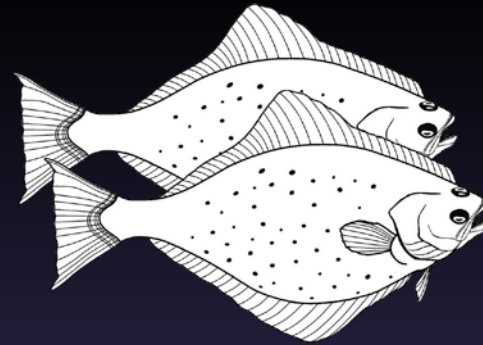
Guided Sport Bag Limits

Year		Southeast Alaska	Southcentral Alaska
2006		2 fish any size	2 fish any size
2007	 Increasing Restrictions	2 fish, 1 under 32"	2 fish any size
2009		1 fish any size	2 fish any size
2011		1 fish 37" or less	2 fish any size
2012		1 fish Under 45" Over 68"	2 fish any size
2014		1 fish Under 44" Over 78"	2 fish, 1 under 29"
2015		1 fish Under 42" Over 80"	2 fish, 1 under 29", Thurs closed, 5 annual limit
2016		1 fish Under 43" Over 80"	2 fish, 1 under 28", Weds closed, 4 annual limit
2017		1 fish Under 44" Over 80"	2 fish, 1 under 28", *Tues/Weds closed, 4 annual limit
2018		1 Fish Under 38" Over 80"	2 fish, 1 under 28", *Tues/Weds closed, 4 annual limit * Number of days varies

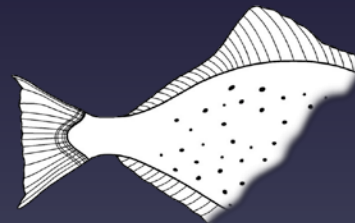
Problems

- Guided Anglers face differential bag limits.

Unguided Anglers =



Guided Anglers =



Problems

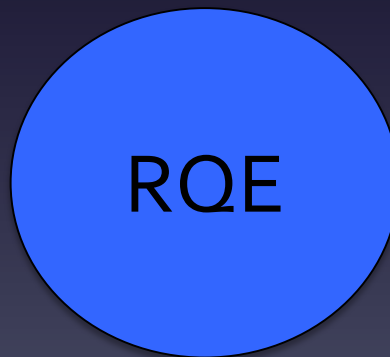
- Charter businesses lose business to other fishing destinations.
- Less Tourism dollars for local coastal economies.



Solution

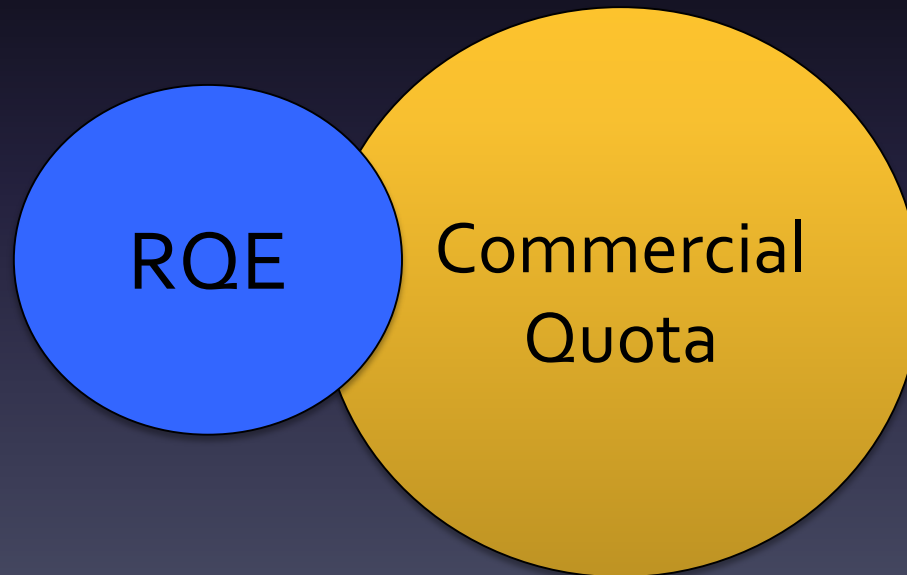
- Develop a means to improve guided angler allocation.

New Approach
Recreational Quota Entity



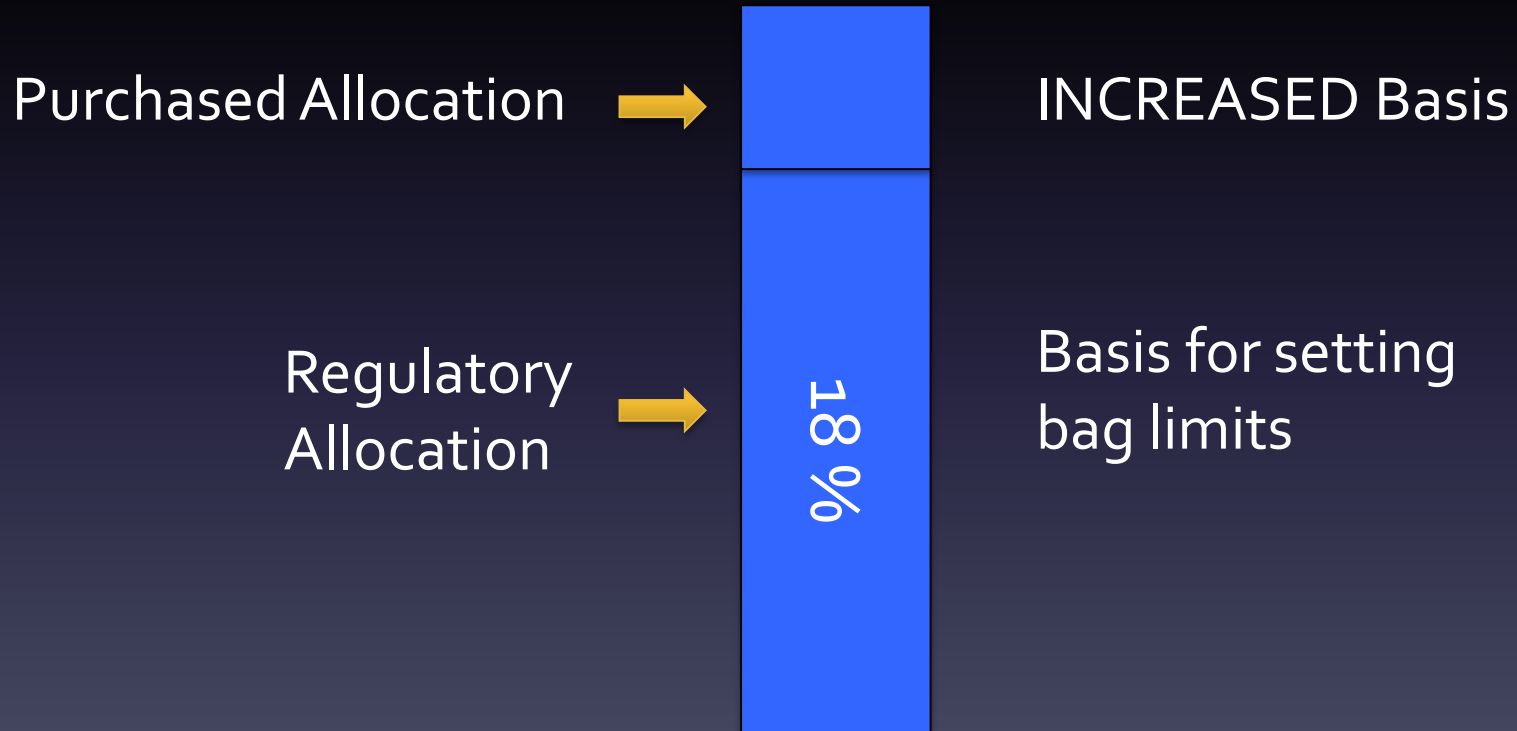
RQE allowed to purchase allocation from the commercial sector.

Recreational Quota Entity



Basis for setting bag limits

Purchased allocation added to annual regulatory allocation.



Recreational Quota Entity

A Market Based Approach to Improve Opportunity and Stability in Alaska's Recreational Halibut Fishery.



Next Steps

- RQE Final Rule to be published shortly.
- Develop Funding Mechanism. Potentially a RQE Halibut Stamp.



Questions?