halibut and sablefish fixed gear fisheries in and off of Alaska. This proposed action is intended to achieve full utilization by relieving transfer restrictions on Community **Development Quota compensation** quota shares (CDQ compensation QS), thereby allowing transfers to persons who could use the resulting IFQ to harvest the resource. The Council intends for these proposed amendments to promote management and conservation of IFQ species, and to further the goals and objectives contained in the FMPs that govern their management. Comments are requested from the public.

DATES: Comments on the proposed FMP amendments must be received on or before November 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed FMP amendments must be submitted to Ronald J. Berg, Chief, Fisheries Management Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Room 453, Juneau, AK 99801, or P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802; Attention: Lori J. Gravel.

Copies of the proposed amendments and the Regulatory Impact Review (RIR) prepared for the amendments may be obtained from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lepore, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any fishery management plan or plan amendment it prepares to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review and approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that the Secretary, upon reviewing the plan or amendment, immediately publish an announcement that the plan or amendment is available for public review and comment.

Amendments 32 and 36 are intended to increase the remunerative value of CDQ compensation QS by reducing the transfer restrictions that would be faced by initial recipients of those shares

under the existing regulations. CDQ compensation QS were issued to individuals that received reductions in the amount of Pacific halibut and sablefish available for harvest with IFQ in CDQ areas. Transfer restrictions are reduced by (1) exempting some CDQ compensation QS from the block provision and (2) allowing some CDQ compensation QS to be transferred across vessel categories.

The Secretary will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the proposed amendments. The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published within 15 days of receipt of the proposed amendments from the Council.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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