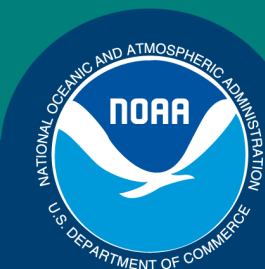


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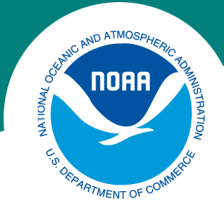
"The Many Flavors of Catch Shares"

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Catch Share Truisms

- ✓ There is no “one size fits all” catch share program; there is almost infinite design flexibility.
- ✓ Not all fisheries can/should be managed via catch shares.
- ✓ Catch shares incentivize fishermen to keep costs as low as possible and produce the highest valued product.
- ✓ Learn from other programs, but design a unique catch share program that works for you.

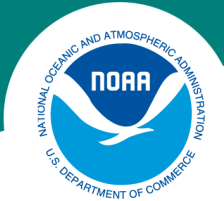
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Okay, What is a Catch Share?

Catch Share is a general term for several fishery management strategies that allocate a specific portion of the total allowable fishery catch to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities. Each recipient of a catch share is directly accountable to stop fishing when its specific quota is reached.

The term includes more specific programs defined in statute such as limited access privilege and individual fishing quota programs.



Catch Shares can include:

Individual Fishing Quotas

- ✓ Individual Transferable Quota (Not defined in MSA)
- ✓ Dedicated Access Privilege (Not defined in MSA)

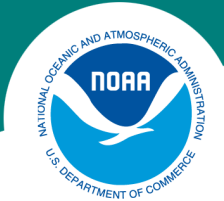
Limited Access Privileges

- ✓ **Limited Access System**
- ✓ **Fishing Community** allocation
- ✓ **Regional Fishery Association** allocation

Sector Allocations (Not defined in MSA)

Fishery Cooperatives (Not defined in MSA)

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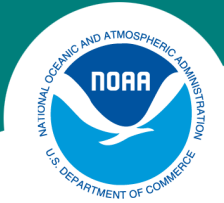


What's the difference?

Conceptually they are based on the same principles...

but legal distinctions of a MSA Section 303A LAP program affects cost recovery, referendum requirements, participation and eligibility requirements, new entry, community protections, among others.

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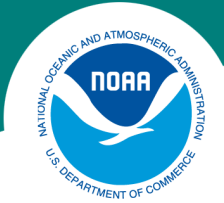
US Catch Share Status

12 programs in place now

5 scheduled to be implemented in FY 2010

**Up to 32 additional programs could be in
development in FY 2012**

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Catch Share Programs in Development

- Scallop General Category IFQ
- Mid-Atlantic Golden Tilefish IFQ (effective 11/1/2009)
- Gulf of Mexico Grouper/Tilefish IFQ (effective 1/1/2010)
- Northeast Multispecies Sectors
- West Coast Groundfish Trawl IQ

Catch Share Programs by Region



North Pacific:

- [Halibut & Sablefish \(1995\)](#)
- [Western Alaska CDQ \(1992\)](#)
- [Bering Sea AFA Pollock Cooperative \(1999\)](#)
- [Groundfish \(non-Pollock\) Cooperatives \(2008\)](#)
- [Bering Sea King & Tanner Crab \(2005\)](#)
- [Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Pilot \(2007\)](#)

5 potential programs

Highly Migratory Species

1 potential program

New England:

- [Georges Bank Cod – Hook Gear \(2004\)](#)
- [Georges Bank Cod – Fixed Gear \(2007\)](#)

8 potential programs

Pacific:

- [Pacific Sablefish Permit Stacking \(2001\)](#)
- [Pacific Whiting Coops \(1997\)](#)

3 potential programs



Western Pacific

6 potential programs



Mid-Atlantic:

- [Surf Clam & Ocean Quahog \(1990\)](#)

8 potential programs

South Atlantic:

- [Wreckfish \(1991\)](#)

3 potential programs

Gulf of Mexico:

- [Red Snapper \(2007\)](#)

2 potential programs



Caribbean:

1 potential program



The Design Elements of a Catch Share Program

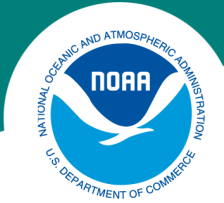
Nature of the harvest privilege

- Duration**
- Eligibility**
- Transferability**
- Accumulation limit/Excessive shares**
- Allocation procedures**

Management elements of catch share programs

- Catch Monitoring**
- Enforcement**
- Cost recovery**
- Resource rent**
- Program performance**

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Pre-Workshop Survey Results

“Want more information on.....”

Western Alaska Community Development Quota

Alaska Halibut/Sablefish IFQ

Pacific Groundfish

Alaska Pollock Coops

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