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RC for Proposal 225

From April 2009 Board of Fisheries Meeting Summary

Justification for setting current bag limits

PROPOSAL B

ACTION: Adopted

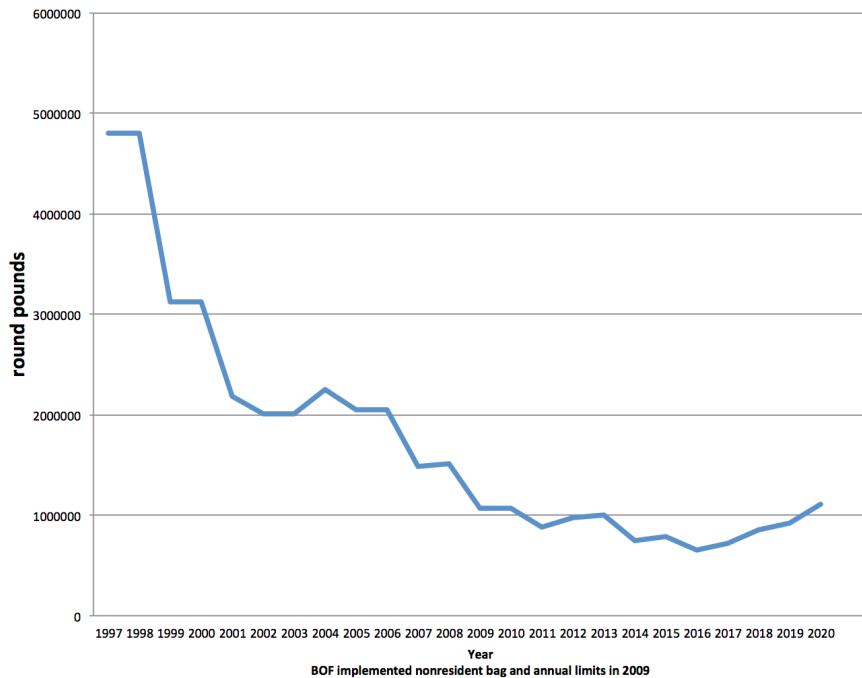
DESCRIPTION: Increase the resident and nonresident daily bag limit for sablefish (black cod) to four fish in Southeast Alaska and remove the resident annual limit.

DISCUSSION: The board recounted its previous actions to enact limits and require reporting, which it considered to be important conservation steps. The board recognized overall conservation concerns and noted the substantial reductions in the allowable commercial harvest in recent years. There was discussion on whether a bag limit of four fish would result in allowing an increased sport harvest or would result in a meaningful restriction compared to having no limit.

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Chatham/NSEI Blackcod catch history, commercial on left, sport on right. When bag limits were set in 2009 the Commercial GHL was 1.5 million lbs, 2021 level 1.13 million lbs

NSEI Commercial GHL By Year since EQS



Sport fish sablefish catch by year from SWHS

