

and by revising paragraph (i)(3) to read as follows:

§ 676.22 Limitations on the use of QS and IFQ.

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(i) The amount of sablefish to be reported to NMFS for debit from an IFQ account will be the round-weight equivalent determined by dividing the initial accurate scale weight of the sablefish product obtained at time of landing by the standard product recovery rates for sablefish in Table 1 to § 672.20 of this chapter.

(ii) The amount of halibut to be reported to NMFS for debit from an IFQ account will be the gutted, head-off weight determined by multiplying the initial accurate scale weight of the halibut obtained at the time of landing by the following conversion factors:

Product code	Product description	Conversion factor
01	Whole fish	0.75
04	Gutted, head on	0.90
05	Gutted, head off	1.00

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(i) * * *

(3) Catcher vessel IFQ may be used on a freezer vessel, provided that the length of the freezer vessel using the catcher vessel IFQ is consistent with the vessel category of the catcher vessel IFQ, as specified at § 676.20(a)(2)(ii) through (iv), and no frozen or otherwise processed fish products are onboard at any time during a fishing trip on which catcher vessel IFQ is being used. A vessel using catcher vessel IFQ may not land any IFQ species as frozen or otherwise processed product. Processing of fish on the same vessel that harvested those fish using catcher vessel IFQ is prohibited.

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7. Section 676.23 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 676.23 IFQ fishing season.

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(b) Directed fishing for sablefish using fixed gear in any IFQ regulatory area may be conducted in any fishing year during the period specified by the Regional Director through notification published in the **Federal Register**. The Regional Director will take into account the opening date of the Pacific halibut season when determining the opening date for sablefish for the purposes of reducing bycatch and regulatory

discards between the two fisheries. Catches of sablefish by fixed gear during other periods may be retained up to the directed fishing standards specified at §§ 672.20(g) and 675.20(h) of this chapter if an individual is onboard when the catch is made who has a valid IFQ card and unused IFQ in the account on which the card was issued. Catches of sablefish in excess of the directed fishing standards and catches made without IFQ must be treated in the same manner as prohibited species.

8. Section 676.24 is amended by revising paragraph (j)(4) to read as follows:

§ 676.24 Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program.

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(j) * * *

(4) No person may alter, erase, or mutilate a CDQ permit, card, registered buyer permit, or any valid and current permit or document issued under this part. Any such permit, card, or document that has been intentionally altered, erased, or mutilated will be invalid.

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