Designing Limited Access
Fishery Management Programs
VISION

1. Thriving coastal communities with residents actively engaged in healthy fisheries as:
   - access privilege holders
   - vessel owners and operators
   - skippers
   - crewmen
   - processors
   - owners of other related small businesses
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2. Profits and resource rents of the fisheries largely remain in the adjacent coastal communities.
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3. Mentoring of crewmen to vessel owners and operators – traditional transfer of knowledge and skills from parent or elder to child.
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4. Creative and competitive processing and marketing sector that actively involves fishermen and local residents while sustaining coastal economies.
Achieving the Vision

• Stop writing management plans that favor fast paced or capital intensive systems, with a small sliver set aside for those who follow a different tradition.

• Instead, design management programs focused on fostering sustained or expanded participation by independent community based fishermen.
BARRIERS TO THE VISION

• Absentee ownership
• High capital costs to compete for product
• High capital costs to afford entry
• Consolidation of --
  – the fleet,
  – the ownership of access rights, and
  – resource profits.
Guiding Management Standards

1. Establish clear and measurable conservation and management objectives that ensure:

- The sustained participation of coastal residents as access privilege holders.
- An entry level affordable to those who live in coastal communities.
- Fishing access privileges are tied to the waterfront—active fishermen hold access privileges and are substantially involved in the fishing operation as a vessel owner or are aboard the vessel when shares are harvested.
- Open and competitive markets.
Management Standards

2. Schedule regular program reviews to assess achievement of program objectives.

3. Modify programs and/or access privileges if objectives are not being met. Consider incentives that transition the fleet to one that sustains coastal economies.
STANDARDS IN SUMMARY

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Management systems that lead to compressed seasons and demand high capital costs to enter or remain competitive will drain access opportunities and fishery benefits from coastal communities.
Management systems that maintain an affordable entry level, prevent absentee ownership, and slow the pace of harvest will facilitate the sustained participation of independent community-based fishermen and the vitality of coastal economies.
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