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## Overview

The CATCH Project is taking a completely new way to solve the problems of a predictability and stability for charter industry as well maintaining catch accountability. Catch Share Plan's aren't new, but the concept of Pooled Catch Share plan is. In short the CATCH project is looking to develop a model that will allow for the purchase of IFQ between a willing seller and a willing buyer (in our case a non-profit) that will benefit all guided recreational anglers.

Traditional catch share plans allocate fish (or poundage) to users. Many charter operators are concerned that this will turn them into "commercial fisherman" selling fish rather than their traditional model of selling access to resource. The Pooled approach is looking to develop Regional Fisheries Association to purchase IFQ for the benefit of all guided recreational anglers. In turn the guided anglers benefit from the additional resource. The IFQ purchased could potentially be used to create a buffer to ensure the industry stays within allocation, or perhaps "buy our way out" of a more restrictive management measure such as a fish of size. .

### Organization and Board Members

The CATCH Project is organized as a 501(c)6 nonprofit funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Fisheries Innovation Fund Grant and industry in-kind contributions.

The board of directors is made up of 3 members from the Alaska Charter Association (ACA), 3 members from the Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (Seago) and one non-industry member. Our board members are:

**Russell Thomas** - President (SEAGO Member - Ketchikan)

**Capt. Greg Sutter** - Vice President (ACA Member - Homer)

**Jeff Wedekind** - Treasurer (ACA Member - Juneau)

**Tom Ohaus** - (SEAGO Member - Sitka)

**Gary Ault** - (ACA Member - Homer)

**Ken Dole** - (SEAGO Member - Prince of Wales)

**Rep. Steve Thompson** - (Non-industry, member of Alaska House of Representatives - Fairbanks)

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