

"I think our ITQ system with limited entry has worked well to achieve the goal of providing a better-regulated and more stable commercial fishery in Wisconsin waters of the Great Lakes."
William H. Horns, Great Lakes Fisheries Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

"IFQs allowed halibut fishermen to spread out their effort and avoid bad weather. We see the results at the fresh fish counter almost any time of year—more fresh fish."
Ted Stevens, US Senator, Alaska (1968-2009)

"This tool vests fishermen with an incentive to conserve the fishery, eliminates such bureaucratic restrictions as minimum size limits and season closings and reduces dangerous operating conditions."
George W. Bush, US President (2001-2009)

"Carefully designed catch shares can get overfished fisheries on a path to profitability and sustainability, thereby improving the health of ecosystems in the long term, and placing greater control and business decision-making in the hands of fishermen."
Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (2010-2013)

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US Catch Shares Over Time

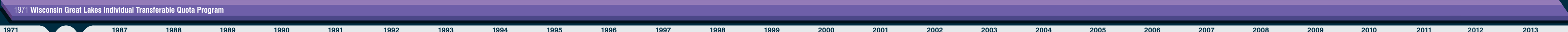
Since the early 1970s, the U.S. has implemented over 25 catch share programs in federal and state waters. As of 2013, 24 active programs manage 117 unique species. Here is a timeline showing each of those programs.



Timeline Legend

Federal Catch Share
State Catch Share

1971 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013



Active Programs	Unique Species Covered
24	117
24	64
23	1
22	9
21	13
20	1
19	1
18	6
17	1
16	9
15	1
14	5
13	1
12	1
11	1
10	1
9	1
8	1
7	1
6	2
5	21
4	1
3	2
2	1
1	6

* As of 2010, part of the Northeast Multispecies Sector Management Program