

Table 1. Preliminary Preferred Alternative Summary Table Recommended by the SSLMC 3-22-13

Fishery	Seasons	Area 543		Area 542		Area 541	
		Closures	Catch and Participation limits	Closures	Catch and Participation limits	Closures	Catch and Participation limits
Atka mackerel	A season: 1/20-6/10 B season: 6/10-12/31 50.50 seasonal apportionment including CDQ rollover from A to B season allowed to be fished outside of critical habitat	Critical habitat closed 0-3 haulouts and 0-10 from rookeries	Critical habitat harvest limit 60% of TAC, evenly distributed between seasons TAC ≤ 65% ABC	Critical habitat closed 0-3 haulouts and 0-10 from rookeries except close critical habitat between 178°E long. to 180° and east of 178°W long	Critical habitat harvest limit 60% of TAC west of 178° W long, evenly distributed between seasons	Critical habitat closed except 12-20 nm portion southeast of Seguam Island Bering Sea subarea closed to directed fishing	Revise maximum retainable amount calculation for Amend 80 and CDQ operating in BS to offload to offload for Atka mackerel as an incidental catch species
Pacific cod trawl	For Amendment 80 and CDQ A season: 1/20-6/10 B season: 4/1-6/10 C season: 6/10-12/31 For catcher vessels and AFA C/P: A season: 1/20-4/1 B season: 4/1-6/10 C season: 6/10-11/1 Seasonal apportionments based on BSAI wide TAC level under Amend 85.	Critical habitat closed 0-3 haulouts and 0-10 from rookeries	Catch limit in proportion to Area 543 abundance based on annual stock assessment process	Critical habitat closed 0-3 haulouts and 0-10 from rookeries.	None	Seguam Foraging Area closed, Critical habitat closed 0-3 haulouts and 0-10 from rookeries except a 20 nm closure at Agligadak.	None
Pacific cod non-trawl	Hook-and-line: A season: 1/1-6/10 B season: 6/10-12/31 Pot A season: 1/1-6/10 B season: 9/1-12/31 Jug: A season: 1/1-4/30 B season: 4/30-8/31 C season: 8/31-12/31 Seasonal apportionments based on BSAI wide TACs under Amend 85.	Critical habitat closed 0-3 nm from rookeries and 0-10 from Buldir Island for hook-and-line and pot vessels	Catch limit in proportion to Area 543 abundance based on annual stock assessment process	Critical habitat closed 0-3 nm from rookeries for hook-and-line and pot vessels	None	Seguam Foraging Area closed. For HAL & Pot: Critical habitat closed 0-3 from rookeries west of 172.50° W long. Critical habitat closed east of 172.50° W long	None

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	A season 1/25-2/15 B season 6/15-11/1	Critical habitat closed except an area outside of 0- 3 nm haulouts and 0-10 nm from rookeries at Shemya, Adak, and Chirikof	Only vessels registered with the Aleut Corporation in directed fishery 50 % of AI directed fishery allocation goes to vessels \leq 60 ft. When AI ABC \geq 19,000 mt, AI TAC is 19,000 mt When AI ABC < 19,000 mt, AI TAC \leq AI ABC A season TAC no more than 40% of ABC A season catch limit 5% of 40% of ABC	Critical habitat closed 0-10 at rookeries and haulouts west of 178°W long. Critical habitat closed 0-3 nm haulouts and 0-10 nm from rookeries east of 178° W long except open portions of critical habitat at: Rat Island Area outside of 3 nm from Tanadok, Segade and Krysi Point and 10 nm from Little Sitkin and Ayugidak, and outside of 3 nm from Kanaga and Bobrof Island	Only vessels registered with the Aleut Corporation in directed fishery 50 % of AI directed fishery allocation goes to vessels \leq 60 ft. When AI ABC \geq 19,000 mt, AI TAC is 19,000 mt. When AI ABC < 19,000 mt, AI TAC \leq AI ABC A season TAC no more than 40% of ABC A season catch limit 15 % of 40 % of ABC	Critical habitat closed to directed fishing 0-3 nm from haulouts and 0- 10 nm from rookeries	Only vessels registered with the Aleut Corporation in directed fishery 50 % of AI directed fishery allocation goes to vessels \leq 60 ft. When AI ABC \geq 19,000 mt, AI TAC is 19,000 mt. When AI ABC < 19,000 mt, AI TAC \leq AI ABC. A season TAC no more than 40% of ABC A season catch limit 30 % of the 40% of ABC
Pollock							

CDQ= Community Development Quota, TAC=total allowable catch, ABC=acceptable biological catch, BSAI=Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, OHL=guideline harvest level

capacity need to be more fully identified and articulated before their probable effects on CDQ harvest can be identified. The analysis needs to describe the anticipated effects alternative compliance and the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2010 requirements on this aging fleet before any assertion can be made regarding fleet capacity. Building new, classed vessels does not necessarily lead to increased capacity. There are also many potential pitfalls to adding new capacity as well as likely constraints that are not identified or discussed in any way. Signed by: Anne Vanderhoeven, Jeff Farvour, Neil Rodriguez, Ernie Weiss, Chuck McCallum, Jerry Downing, Becca Robbins-Gislair and John Gruver.

C-2 (b) Final action on AFA Vessel replacement GOA sideboards

The AP recommends the Council adopt Alternative 2 with the vessel removal provisions as follows, for final action.

Alternative 2 (status quo) – AFA vessel owners are allowed to rebuild or replace their vessels, as provided in the Coast Guard Act. AFA vessel owners may participate in GOA with a replacement or rebuilt vessel as long as the replacement or rebuilt vessel does not exceed the MLOA specified on the GOA LLP groundfish license assigned to the vessel at the time of fishing in the GOA by the vessel. If an AFA vessel owner removes an AFA vessel that is exempt from sideboard limitations, the sideboard exemption is extinguished and the exemption cannot be transferred to another vessel

Vessel removal provisions: Upon removal of an exempt vessel, the sideboard exemption is extinguished and cannot be transferred to another vessel.

Motion passed 15/5.

Rationale:

- *This motion allows for a vessel owner to comply with the AFA vessel replacement provision of the Coast Guard Act, vessel owners may now replace, rebuild, or remove a vessel from the fishery.*
- *Vessels that remain in the GOA fishery will still be constrained by the current regulations that AFA vessels are operating under:*
 - *300,000 lb daily trip limit,*
 - *sideboard restrictions*
 - *125 ft MLOA*
 - *cannot exceed MLOA on LLP*
- *Vessel owners will be able to rebuild or replace vessels that will more efficient, safer, optimal platforms for operating in the adverse conditions that they face on a daily basis while fishing in either the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands or Gulf of Alaska fisheries.*

C-3(a) Steller Sea Lion EIS - Initial review; select PPA

The AP recommends the Council accept the SSLMC recommended PPA for the EIS, with the following clarifications for the measures for the pollock fishery in Table 1 on page 7 of the action memo:

- 2nd column (Area 543 Closures) should read, "Critical habitat closed except an area outside of 0-3 nm haulouts and 0-**20** nm from rookeries at Shemya, Alaid, and Chirikof."
- 4th column (Area 542 Closures), first entry should read, "Critical habitat closed 0-**20 nm** at rookeries and haulouts west of 178 degrees W. long.

- The last entry under the 3rd, 5th and 7th columns (Catch and Participation Limits for Areas 543, 542 and 541) should be reworded so that it's clear that the percentages are of the overall ABC that can be taken in the A season.

The AP also concurs with the comments on the Draft EIS noted by the SSLMC on pages 4-5 of their minutes provided in the notebooks. *Motion passed 19/1.*

C-3(c) BSAI Pacific cod ABC/TAC Split

The AP requests that the Council move forward an analysis of community protection measures in the Aleutian Island Pacific cod fishery to mitigate the combined impact of the re-direction of excess processing capacity by rationalized sectors into the AI cod fishery and impacts of the BSAI cod split in the context of the SSL protection measures in the AI cod fishery.

The analysis should include an option that would allocate the Directed Fishing Allocation (after CDQ and ICA) for areas 541 and 542 to CVs with a regionalized delivery requirement to shoreplants in the Aleutian Island management area. In the event that no shoreplant is operating in AI area or insufficient capacity is available, the regional shorebased delivery requirement would be waived.

This option would maintain the current P. Cod sector allocation percentages in the Bering Sea only. Area 541/542 would be a CV only allocation. (Area 543 would be CP or MS only as per the preliminary preferred alternative under the SSL EIS.)

If the 541/542 DFA exceeds:

- 2,500 tons
- 5,000 tons
- 10,000 tons

CPs would be allowed to harvest up to 50% of any additional DFA tonnage after April 30th.

Additional alternatives would include Alternatives 2 and 3 from the SSL EIS for Pacific cod, updated to the most current year.

Motion passed 14/6.

Rationale:

- Establish community protection for Adak and Atka
- Promote stability in the region by minimizing the race for fish between user groups.
- Simplify management measures for RAM (less stranded fish)

Minority Report: A minority of the AP felt that it is premature to address allocative issues in the Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery, and that when addressed this should be a separate action from the BSAI cod split. The SSL EIS and BiOp are still under development and the resulting actions are unknown. Further, the Board of Fish is considering an increase in the state water cod GHL which may address some community concerns. Until these actions are resolved, the need for and impacts of the proposed allocations cannot be determined and sectors with significant history may be severely harmed. Signed by: Ruth Christiansen, Andy Mezirow, Joel Peterson, Lori Swanson and Anne Vanderhoeven.