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North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Draft Motion

D-4 Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program

The Council directs staff to prepare a discussion paper concerning the following aspects of the Central Gulf of Alaska rockfish pilot program:

- 1) A possible amendment to the program providing that:

A person who operated a vessel in the Central Gulf of Alaska rockfish fisheries during the 1996-2002 period under an interim License Limitation Program licence that was determined after such period to have an invalid Central Gulf of Alaska trawl gear endorsement, who then acquired an additional LLP license with a valid Central Gulf of Alaska trawl gear endorsement and assigned it to such vessel by December 31, 2003, shall be eligible to receive Rockfish Quota Share under the Rockfish Pilot Program based on the catch history of such vessel, notwithstanding the invalidity of the interim Central Gulf trawl LLP endorsement under which the vessel operated during the 1996-2002 period. Rockfish Quota Share allocated under this provision shall be assigned to the additional LLP license.

In the discussion of this provision, the Council requested staff to include a discussion of the removal of a similar provision from the alternatives considered when the pilot program was originally adopted and a discussion of any catcher vessel and catcher processor licenses that might be affected by this or a similar provision.

- 2) The use of a harvester only cooperative for the entry level trawl fishery and other possible mechanisms that could be used to control effort in the entry level trawl fishery.
- 3) Additional options to rollover catch from the fixed gear entry level fishery to the trawl entry level fishery, including various dates for the rollover and different allocations to the fisheries.
- 4) A change in the management of shorttraker in the catcher processor sector from an allocation to a maximum retainable amount (MRA).
- 5) A change in the management of MRAs under the program to include catch of allocated secondary species in the basis for determining the MRA of a species that is not allocated.