

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN or REGULATORY AMENDMENT PROPOSAL
North Pacific Fishery Management Council – Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee
Provide the following information – attach additional pages as necessary:

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Fishery Management Plan: *BSAI Groundfish*

Brief Statement of Proposal:

Move CP pot cod start date to Aug. 15 for B season.
It is currently Sept. 1.

Objectives of Proposal (What is the problem?):

- *To allow more flexibility in harvesting CP pot cod quota particularly when weather conditions are better*
- *provides equal market opportunities with LL cod start date*

Need and Justification for Council Action (Why can't the problem be resolved through other channels?):

- *current B season start date is set under 2000 SSL Bi-op RPA's*
- *Amend. 77 reduced number of eligible vessels (about 6 pot CP's) and divided pot allocation between CV and CP's*

Foreseeable Impacts of Proposal (Who wins, who loses?):

- *Likely to spread pot effort more over time - CP's fish further North and West than CV fleet - also fish at a slower pace because of smaller fleet and processing on board.*
- *SSL wins - nobody loses*

Are there Alternative Solutions? If so, what are they and why do you consider your proposal the best way of solving the problem?

- *could include CV pot but some of the fleet engages in fendering salmon and may not want an earlier start date.*

Supporting Data & Other Information. What data are available and where can they be found?

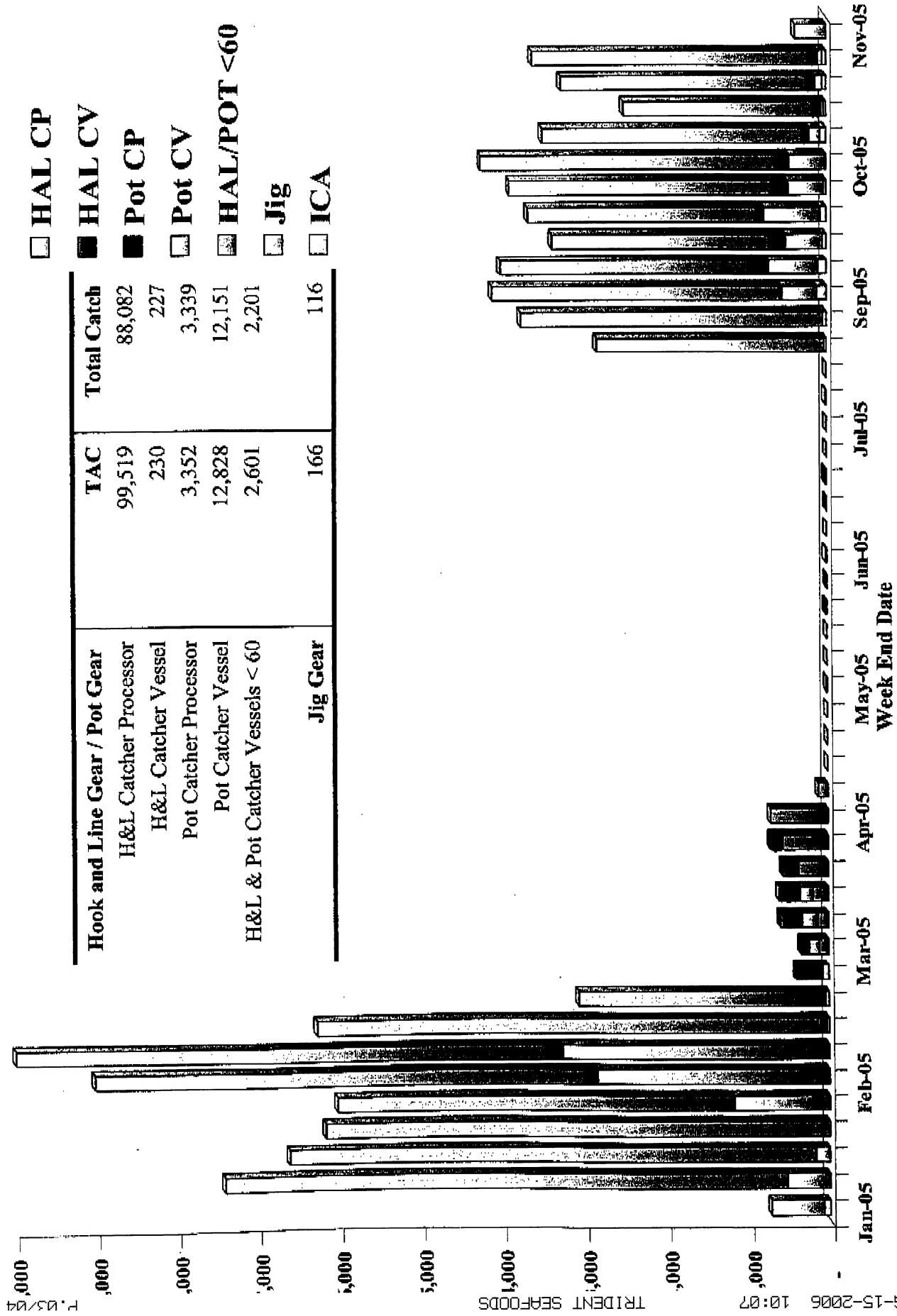
- *NMFS Inseason Mgmt. Rpt. from Dec. 2005 Council mtg - shows effort by pots*
- *Amend. 77 p. cod fixed gear allocation and qualified number of vessels*
- *2000 Bi-op and 2001 Supplemental*
- *2005 BSAI safe. p. cod*

Offsetting Measures. What protection measures might be increased in the region to offset the proposed action?

none needed

Signature: *Paul Soper*

2005 BSAI H&L, Pot, Jig Pacific Cod Catch



Catch through Nov. 19, 2005

NMFS Dec. 2005 Inseason Mngmt. Rpt.

2005 BSAI Pacific Cod Apportionments & Catch

TOTAL P.04

Fishery Component	TAC	Catch
Hook and Line Gear / Pot Gear		
H&L Catcher Processor	99,519	91,370
H&L Catcher Vessel	230	234
Pot Catcher Processor	3,352	3,339
Pot Catcher Vessel	12,828	12,153
H&L & Pot Catcher Vessels < 60	2,601	2,201
Trawl Gear		
Trawl Catcher Processor	35,506	35,465
Trawl Catcher Vessel	35,847	35,747
Other Gear		
Gear	166	116
TOTAL	206,000	193,812

Includes reallocations in April, October and November

*NMFS Dec. In-season Mgmt. Rpt. 2005
catch through Nov. 19, 2005*