

## **North Pacific Fishery Management Council, June 2004 Meeting, Agenda Item C-4 Aleutian Islands Pollock**

### **Final Motion June 11, 2004**

#### **1.0 Allocation Size**

Starting in 2005:

##### 1. Annual ITAC:

- (a) When the AI ABC is equal to or more than 19,000 mt, the AI ITAC shall equal 19,000 mt.
- (b) When the AI ABC is less than 19,000 mt, the AI ITAC shall be no more than the ABC.

##### 2. The ICA shall be deducted from the annual ITAC.

##### 3. Seasonal Apportionments:

The A season apportionment of the DPF shall be the lesser of

- (a) no more than 40% of the ABC or
- (b) the annual ITAC after subtraction of the ICA.

The total harvest in the A season (DPF and ICA) shall not exceed 40% of the ABC.

The B season apportionment will be equal to the annual ITAC minus the ICA and minus A season DPF. The B season apportionment may be further adjusted by rollover of unharvested A season pollock.

#### **2.0 Allocation Mechanism**

- 2.2 The pollock allocation to the AI fishery will be funded by a reduction in the EBS pollock ITAC. Any unused pollock ITAC from the AI fishery will be rolled back to the EBS pollock ITAC. This will occur at the earliest time possible in the calendar year. Before making the apportionment as described here, the AI pollock DPF is to be funded from the difference between the sum of all BSAI groundfish fishery TACs and the BSAI 2 million mt OY cap, unless the difference is not large enough to do so.

#### **3.0 Monitoring Vessel Activity**

- 3.2 "Increased monitoring" alternative. This alternative would have several components (not options). These include:

1. The Aleut Corporation must notify the NMFS Alaska Region with a list of which vessels are authorized by it to fish in the Aleutians; notification must be at least 14 days prior to the anticipated start of fishing. The NMFS RAM Division will verify each vessel's eligibility (FFP, ADF&G number, USCG fishery endorsement, length, or AFA status) and provide to the Aleut Corporation a list of qualified vessels and the date fishing may commence. These vessels must carry documentation showing they have RAM approval and Aleut Corporation permission;
2. Catcher vessels are prohibited from fishing for pollock in the Aleutian Islands if pollock harvested in the Bering Sea or GOA are on board. Also, catcher vessels are prohibited from fishing for pollock in the Bering Sea or GOA if Aleutian Islands pollock are on board;
3. AFA requirements extend to catcher-processors and motherships (this extends AFA level observer and scale requirements to CPs under 60 feet and to unlisted AFA vessels);
4. AI pollock may only be delivered to a shoreside processor or stationary processor which has an approved Catch Monitoring Control Plan or to one or more AFA qualified vessels, as permitted by legislation.
5. The Aleut Corporation will be responsible for keeping its harvests and its agents' harvests within the AI pollock directed fishing allowance. The Aleut Corporation shall be responsible for designating a person as a quota manager for pollock catch accounting; this person shall report to NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division with weekly pollock catch summaries.
6. Vessels < 60 feet shall take a Cadre observer if provided by NMFS. The < 60 ft. vessel observer cadre restriction is waived under this program. Vessels < 60 feet that take an observer must comply with the safety provisions in 50 CFR 679.50(g)(1)(ii).

#### **4.0 Small Vessels**

- 4.1 No action. Take no steps to delay ability of Aleut Corporation to introduce to the fishery vessels under 60 feet LOA.

The Council will review the observer issue associated with vessels < 60 ft. concurrent with the June 2006 economic report review.

#### **5.0 Economic Development Report**

- 5.2 Require the Aleut Corporation to submit an annual economic development report to the Council, similar to the AFA coop reports. A draft report will be due in December and a final report will be due in February.

- 5.4 Require the Aleut Corporation to submit a report to the Council prior to its June 2006 meeting. At its June 2006 meeting, the Council shall review the AI pollock fishery performance, including how the money was spent, information on harvest success, Chinook salmon bycatch, development of a small vessel fleet, and progress toward completion of pollock processing capacity to determine if further adjustments to the AI pollock ITAC may be appropriate, in light of Section 803 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 and Senator Stevens' floor language.

#### **6.0 Chinook Salmon Bycatch**

- 6.2 Chinook salmon bycatch in the AI pollock fishery would not count against the BSAI Chinook salmon bycatch caps.
- 6.3 The Chinook salmon bycatch cap of 700 applies to the AI Chinook Salmon Savings Area closure only.