

Council motion

Measures to support community protections for Central Aleutian Islands communities: Pacific Ocean perch and Atka mackerel processing sideboards June 10, 2008

The Council provides the below parameters to redirect staff in providing analysis of processor sideboard options for Pacific Ocean perch and Atka mackerel harvests in Areas 541 and 542.

Council staff is requested to develop a discussion paper for the Council's consideration that would provide processing sideboard protections for the two Central Aleutian Islands communities. The analysis should provide options for Area 541 and 542 Pacific Ocean perch (POP) and Atka mackerel processing sideboards on Amendment 80 catcher processors acting as motherships.

Draft problem statement:

The final rule for implementing BSAI Amendment 80 allows participants to act as motherships receiving catcher vessel harvests from a Pacific Ocean perch and Atka mackerel allocation that was set aside specifically for vessels outside of the Amendment 80 program. The Council did not anticipate Amendment 80 entities would establish a catcher vessel fleet to target this set-aside and deliver the harvest to Amendment 80 catcher processors. This unanticipated behavior returns the benefits of this set-aside to the Amendment 80 sector participants.

Sideboard limit:

Limit the amount of POP and Atka mackerel harvested in Areas 541 or 542 that may be delivered to Amendment 80 catcher processors acting as motherships to:

- Option 1. the greatest amount delivered within the range of qualifying years
- Option 2. the average annual amount delivered within the range of qualifying years

Qualifying years:

- Option. 2005 – 2007 (three-year period prior to Amendment 80 program implementation)