

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Motion on BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations
April 8, 2005

The Council amended its motion on BSAI Pacific cod allocations to modify the following components:

Component 1: Identify and Define Sectors

Clarify Component 1, Option 1 to read:

Option 1. The holder of a license that arose from a vessel/history that made a minimum of 100 mt of cod landings during each of the years 1995 – 1997.

Component 4: Sector Catch History Years

Add an option to include 1997 – 2000.

Component 5: Allocation of BSAI TAC to Sectors

Clarify Options 5.2.2 – 5.2.4 to read:

- 5.2.2 2.71% (represents current 2% jig allocation plus 0.71% <60' fixed gear CV allocation of (non-CDQ) BSAI Pacific cod TAC)
- 5.2.3 3% (represents 2% jig allocation plus 1% <60' fixed gear CV allocation of (non-CDQ) BSAI Pacific cod TAC)
- 5.2.4 4% (represents 2% jig allocation plus 2% <60' fixed gear CV allocation of (non-CDQ) BSAI Pacific cod TAC)

Component 6: Rollovers between Sectors

Add a suboption to Option 6.2: Reallocation of TAC from the trawl sectors to the fixed gear sectors will be proportional to the new fixed gear allocations.

Add a sentence to Option 6.3 as follows:

The third trimester jig rollover should be available to the <60' fixed gear CV sector on September 1.

Add a new option for a rollover hierarchy within the inshore sector:

Option 6.7: Projected unused allocations to any sector delivering inshore must be considered for reallocation to other inshore sectors before being considered for reallocation to any offshore sector. When considering reallocations of inshore sector fish the following hierarchy shall be followed:

Any unused allocation from any inshore sector will rollover using the following hierarchy:

First to Jig CV sector and/or <60' fixed gear CV sector; then to
Hook-and-line CV ≥60' sector or Pot CV ≥60' sector; then to
Trawl CV sectors (AFA and non-AFA)

Any CV allocation that is not harvested or likely to be harvested through the above hierarchy will be reallocated as per components 6.1 through 6.6.

In addition, the Council directs staff to explore the following question: If the revised allocations result in a temporal distribution of the all gear harvest that closely approximates the current catch distribution, and the revised allocations result in changed seasonal apportionments of harvest within gear types (a seasonal apportionment that is different than that which is contained in the current regulations), will that be likely to trigger a formal re-consultation?

In addition, the Council requests staff explore alternative methods to determine sector allocations that would least disturb the bounds of seasonal harvests.

The Council also approved highlighting the issue of allocating Pacific cod to cooperative and non-cooperative non-AFA trawl CP sectors in BSAI Amendment 80.

The Council also requests that NOAA Fisheries review alternative management measures that can be applied to hard and soft caps, in order to avoid closing fisheries in which cod may occur as incidental catch and/or to avoid pre-emption of other fisheries and avoid OFL. This motion is intended to help in the development of management measures other than hard caps.