Council motion on BSAI Amendment 85 – BSAI Pacific cod sector allocations February 10, 2006

The Council recommends releasing the analysis for BSAI Amendment 85 for public review, incorporating comments from the SSC as possible, and with the following changes:

Part I, Alternative 2

Component 2

Include 2004 and 2005 sector catch data for the BSAI, BS, and AI, in the discussion of Component 2.

Any shoreside landings made by pot catcher processors (CP) are assigned to the pot catcher vessel (CV) sector allocation, as occurred in 2003. The Council recommends that the associated table in the analysis include a caveat to this effect.

Component 3

Add Suboption 3 under Option 3.3 as follows:

Upon determination of the new overall allocations to the trawl and fixed gear sectors, maintain the current percentage of the ITAC allocated to the A season for trawl gear. Provided that any reduction in the overall trawl allocation resulting from the options would first be applied in the C season and then in the B season. Any increase in the allocation to fixed gear would be applied in the A season.

Any reduction in the trawl allocation in the B or C seasons will be made proportionately between the AFA CP, non-AFA CP, and AFA CV, non-AFA CV sectors based on their new allocation percentages. In the event that this revision in allocations and apportionments exceeds the 70/30 Steller sea lion seasonal apportionment, the hook-and-line CP sector's A season allocation will be adjusted as necessary by shifting A season allocation to the B season.

Component 7

Revise the language for Options 7.1 and 7.2 as follows:

- Option 7.1 The annual PSC allocation to the trawl Pacific cod fishery will be apportioned to the cod trawl sectors based on the cod allocation percentages determined for each sector under Component 2.
- Option 7.2 The annual PSC allocation to the trawl Pacific cod fishery will be apportioned to the cod trawl sectors based on the sector's directed cod fishery harvests during the qualifying period under Component 2.

Part II

The Council selects Alternative 6 as its preliminary preferred alternative under Part II.

Add a new option under Alternative 6: Option 6.4 2002 – 2003

In addition, the Council recommends that the catch accounting system be modified such that future shoreside landings by pot catcher processors are counted against the pot catcher processor sector allocation. The Council requested that information on this issue be included in the analysis such that the Council could recommend this change at final action on Amendment 85.