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North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Motion

C-3(d) GOA AFA Pollock and Pacific Cod Sideboards

Alternative 1— No action

Alternative 1 would not change the existing GOA pollock and Pacific cod sideboards for non-exempt AFA catcher vessels. Currently, sideboard amounts are calculated annually as a fixed percentage of the Western and Central GOA pollock and Pacific cod TACs. The percentages are based on retained catch by non-exempt AFA catcher vessels of pollock and Pacific cod, respectively, during 1995 through 1997, divided by the TAC for that species over the same time period. Sideboard amounts are calculated annually by multiplying the sideboard percentages by the pollock and Pacific cod TACs available to catcher vessels in that year. The sideboards are then divided into seasonal apportionments.

Alternative 2— Recalculate sideboards based on catch history from 2005 through 2007

Under Alternative 2, the GOA Pacific cod and pollock sideboard limits for non-exempt AFA catcher vessels would be recalculated. Sideboards would be based on the retained catch of non-exempt AFA CVs of each species from 2005 through 2007 divided by the TAC for that species over the same period.

Suboption: The recalculated sideboards could be adjusted upward by up to 10%.

Alternative 3— Recalculate sideboards based on catch history from 2001 through 2005

Under Alternative 3, the GOA Pacific cod and pollock sideboard limits for non-exempt AFA catcher vessels would be recalculated. Sideboards would be based on the retained catch of non-exempt AFA CVs of each species from 2001 through 2005 divided by the TAC for that species over the same period.

Suboption: The recalculated sideboards could be adjusted upward by up to 10%.

Additional information requested:

(1) Catch history of non-exempt vessels that qualify under trawl recency action.

(2) Capacity of non-exempt fleet to catch the entire sideboard limits once trawl recency is implemented.

(3) Effects of recalculating the sideboards on Intercooperative transactions.

(4) Effects on communities, processors, and non-AFA participants.