

Aleutian Island Pollock

SSLMC Proposal #23

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Consider the SSL implications of
the suite of alternatives under
Part II of Amendment 85

Proposal 23 - Background

At some future time there is likely to be a split of the BSAI P. cod TAC into separate BS and AI TACs.

The Council is considering action under part II of Amendment 85 in order to deal with the allocation consequences of a split.

Protected Resources has not indicated whether the seasonal and gear apportionments would need to be applied at the area TAC level or whether they could be maintained at the aggregate BSAI level.

Proposal 23 – Status Quo

2006		
BSAI ALL	204,705	
BSAI -A season	BSAI-B season	BSAI-C season
124,735	17,392	62,578
BSAI A %	BSAI B %	BSAI C %
60.9%	8.5%	30.6%

2006		
AI ALL	23,750	
AI -A season	AI -B season	AI- C season
20,770	2,080	900
AI A %	AI B %	AI C %
87.5%	8.8%	3.8%

Model Scoring

Effects of fishing on Fish

Not Applicable

Effects of Fishing on SSL

Proximity:

Not Applicable

Seasons:

A & B

Region:

CAI/WAI/EAI/BS

Target Species:

P. Cod

“Outside the Model” Considerations

Under status quo NMFS accounts seasonal apportionments at the aggregate BSAI level. This was the context of the consultation for last Bi-Op.

Under Part I of Amendment 85 Protected Resources agreed that as long as the aggregate seasonal split was maintained across all gears, it was not necessary to apply the seasonal apportionments from the last Bi-Op at the sector level.

Future action under Part II of Amendment 85 has the potential to ensure that catch is spatially distributed to better reflect biomass distribution.

The allocation issues associated with Part II of Amendment 85 will be less complex and less contentious if the seasonal apportionments are maintained at the aggregate BSAI level.