

Proposed Text for Amendment 34 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

Deletions are stricken and additions are in bold.

In Section 11.0, titled “Voluntary Three-Pie Cooperative Program,” revise 1.8.5 as follows:

1.8.5 Sideboards (~~from December 2002 motion~~).

~~Option 1 (a)~~: Non-AFA vessels that qualify for QS in the rationalized opilio crab fisheries would be limited to their GOA groundfish catch history excluding sablefish. The sideboards would be based on the history of vessels subject to the caps, applied in aggregate, on an area specific basis, and apply jointly to both the vessel and the license.

~~Combine options 2 and 3~~: Vessels with less than ~~100,000 lbs~~ **750,000 lbs** total opilio history during the qualifying years and more than ~~500MT~~ **680 mt** of total cod history during the qualifying years would be exempt from the **GOA Pacific cod** sideboard cap.

~~Option 4~~: Vessels with less than 50MT total groundfish landings in the qualifying period would be prohibited from participating in the GOA **Pacific** cod fishery.

Vessels with less than 0.22% of total Bering Sea opilio catch history from 1996 through 2000 and 20 or more deliveries of pollock harvested in the GOA from 1996 through 2000 would be exempt from the GOA pollock sideboard cap. The percent is of the total Bering Sea *C. opilio* catch history, including both qualified and unqualified catch history from non-AFA crab vessels.