

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
C2 – GOA Halibut PSC Motion
February 2, 2012

The Council approves the release of the EA/RIR/IRFA for public review, incorporating recommendations from the SSC that pertain to the analysis as possible, with the following additions:

1. New IPHC bluebook information and CEY from the 2012 annual IPHC meeting, including expanded discussion on a) the methods and assumptions used in the lost yield and migration models that are briefly described within the analysis; and b) the methods used by IPHC staff to apportion bycatch among the U26, O26-U32, and O32" size categories.
2. Add a new suboption under Option 2, Suboption 3 that would allow the Am. 80 sector to roll unused halibut from one season to the subsequent season, similar to the non-Am. 80 sectors.
3. Remove Suboption 3.1, which would apply the full trawl PSC limit reduction to the 5th season only.
4. Add a new suboption under Option 2, Suboption 3 to allow available trawl halibut PSC in the 2nd season deep and shallow water complexes to be aggregated and made available for use in either complex from May 15 through June 30. Halibut PSC sideboards for the Am. 80 and AFA sectors would continue to be defined as deep and shallow water complexes in the second season.