C-4(b) Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch
Council motion December 2009
Strike-outs and underlines to indicate additions and deletions from original alternative set

Alternative 1 – Status Quo
Alternative 1 retains the current program of the Chum Salmon Savings Area (SSA) closures triggered by separate non-CDQ and CDQ caps with the fleet's exemption to these closures per regulations for Amendment 84 and as modified by the Amendment 91 Chinook bycatch action.

Alternative 2 – Hard Cap
Component 1: Hard Cap Formulation (with CDQ allocation of 10.7%)
    a) ~~58,000~~   50,000
    b) ~~206,000~~   75,000
    c) ~~353,000~~   125,000
    d) ~~488,000~~   200,000
    <u>e)</u>   <u>300,000</u>
    <u>f)</u>   <u>353,000</u>
Component 2: Sector Allocation
    <u>Use blend of CDQ/CDQ partner bycatch numbers for historical average calculations.</u>

    a) No sector allocation
    b) Allocations to Inshore, Catcher Processor, Mothership, and CDQ
        1) Pro-rata to pollock AFA pollock sector allocation
        2) Historical average
            i. ~~2004-2006~~   <u>2007-2009</u>
            ii. ~~2002-2006~~   <u>2005-2009</u>
            iii. ~~1997-2006~~   <u>2000-2009</u>
            iv. <u>1997–2009</u>
        3) Allocation based on 75% pro-rata and 25% historical
        4) Allocation based on 50% pro-rata and 50% historical
        5) Allocation based on 25% pro-rata and 75% historical
    <u>c) Allocate 10.7% to CDQ, remainder divided among other sectors</u>
Component 3: Sector Transfer
    a) No transfers or rollovers
    b) Allow NMFS-approved transfers between sectors
        Suboption: Limit transfers to the following percentage of salmon that is available to the transferring entity at the time of transfer:
        1) 50%
        2) 70%
        3) 90%
    c) Allow NMFS to roll-over unused bycatch allocation to sectors that are still fishing

Component 4: Cooperative Provision
    a) Allow allocation at the co-op level for the inshore sector, and apply transfer rules (Component 3) at the co-op level for the inshore sector.
        Suboption: Limit transfers to the following percentage of salmon that is available to the transferring entity at the time of transfer:
        1) 50%
        2) 70%
        3) 90%
    <u>b) Allow NMFS to rollover unused bycatch allocation to inshore cooperatives that are still fishing.</u>
Alternative 3 – Trigger Closure

Component 1: Trigger Cap Formulation
    Cap level

a) ~~45,000~~ 25,000
b) ~~58,000~~ 50,000
c) ~~206,000~~ 75,000
d) ~~353,000~~ 125,000
e) ~~488,000~~ 200,000

Application of Trigger Caps
a) Apply trigger to all chum bycatch
b) ~~Apply trigger to all chum bycatch in the CVOA~~
~~c)~~ b) Apply trigger to all chum bycatch between specific dates
~~d)~~ c) Apply trigger to all chum bycatch in a specific area.

Component 2: Sector allocation
   Use blend of CDQ/CDQ partner bycatch numbers for historical average calculations.
   a) No sector allocation
   b) Allocations to Inshore, Catcher Processor, Mothership, and CDQ
      1) Pro-rata to pollock AFA pollock sector allocation
      2) Historical average
         i. ~~2004-2006~~ 2007-2009
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      3) Allocation based on 75% pro-rata and 25% historical
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   c) Allow NMFS to roll-over unused bycatch allocation to sectors that are still fishing
      Suboption: Limit transfers to the following percentage of salmon that is available to the transferring entity at the time of transfer:
         1) 50%
         2) 70%
         3) 90%

Components 4: Cooperative Provisions
   a) Allow allocation at the co-op level for the inshore sector, and apply transfer rules (Component 3) at the co-op level for the inshore sector.
      Suboption: Limit transfers to the following percentage of salmon that is available to the transferring entity at the time of transfer:
         1) 50%
         2) 70%
         3) 90%
   b) Allow NMFS to roll-over unused bycatch allocation to cooperatives that are still fishing

Component 5: Area Option
   a) Area identified in October, 2008 discussion paper (B-season chum bycatch rate-based closure described on pages 14-15 of December 2009 discussion paper)
   b) ~~Existing Chum Salmon Savings Area (differs from status quo with application of other components)~~

b) New areas [to be identified by staff] which are small, discrete closure areas, each with its own separate cap whereby bycatch in that area only accrues towards the cap

Component 6: Timing Option – Dates of Area Closure
a) ~~Existing closure dates (August 1 – August 31 and September 1 through October 14 if trigger is reached.)~~
b) New closure dates [to be developed from staff analysis of seasonal proportions of pollock and chum salmon by period across additional ranges of years]

Component 7: Rolling Hot Spot (RHS) Exemption – Similar to status quo, participants in a vessel-level (platform level for Mothership fleet) RHS would be exempt from regulatory triggered closure(s).
a) Sub-option: RHS regulations would contain an ICA provision that the regulatory trigger closure (as adopted in Component 5) apply to participants that do not maintain a certain level of rate-based chum salmon bycatch performance.