

DRAFT Council Motion
C2 BSAI Small Vessel Pacific Cod Access
June 10, 2022

The Council adopts the following alternatives for public review and selects a preliminary preferred alternative as shown in **bold**. Deletions to the purpose and need are shown in ~~striketrough~~ and additions are underlined.

Increased participation in the <60 ft hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel Pacific cod sector, reduced Pacific cod TACs, and fewer reallocations from other Pacific cod sectors, have resulted in by higher-capacity vessels over 57 ft LOA has negatively impacted smaller vessels in the sector through shortened seasons for the <60 ft hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel Pacific cod sector. Due to their size, smaller vessels in this sector are particularly affected by these shortened seasons because vessel operators have less flexibility to fish when the weather is poor and typically fish waters closer to port which may be less productive limit smaller vessels' ability to compete within the sector as they are limited to fish in less productive waters near port due to their size. The jig sector allocation has not historically been fully utilized, particularly in the A and C seasons. Allowing these smaller catcher vessels using hook-and-line and pot gear to harvest Pacific cod from the jig sector allocation may increase stability provide additional opportunities for current fishery participants and potential new entrants with smaller catcher vessels without negatively impacting catcher vessels using jig gear.

Alternative 1: Status quo

Alternative 2: Redefine the current BSAI Pacific cod jig sector to include H&L/pot CVs less than or equal to:

Option 1: 55' LOA

Option 2: 56'LOA

Suboption: B-season fishery would remain jig gear only fishery.