

**Final Council Motion D-4 BSAI Pacific Cod Pot Catcher/Processor Participation
October 8, 2019**

The Council directs staff to create an Draft Intital Review Analysis and adopts the following purpose and need statement and alternatives

- *Amendment 85 assigned a portion of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod TAC to the pot CP sector with the primary goals of aligning Pacific cod allocations with actual dependency and use and providing stability to all sectors.*
- *Three major changes have occurred since the implementation of Amendment 85, which has resulted in less stability for the dependent vessels on which the Amendment 85 allocation was based:*
 1. *low crab TACS and consolidation within the crab fisheries has provided increased flexibility for pot CPs,*
 2. *the total allowable catch for Pacific cod in the BSAI has decreased over the last several years, and*
 3. *the availability of rollovers to the CP pot sector has declined.*
- *The Council is considering action to eliminate latent capacity in the fishery, in order to increase stability for cod dependent pot CPs, maintain consistently low rates of halibut and crab bycatch, and ensure that condensed fishing seasons do not result in safety-at-sea concerns.*

Alternatives

Alternative 1: No Action.

Alternative 2: Remove the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pacific cod endorsements on C/P pot LLPs unless the license is credited with a minimum directed landing of 1000 mt in the management area based on the following threshold criteria:

Option 1: 2005-2019

Option 2: 2012-2019

Suboptions:

A: In any three years

B: In any four years

The Council establishes a control date of October 8, 2019 for any action considering future participation in the BSAI Pacific cod catcher processor pot sector.