

C-5 BSAI Halibut PSC limits

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The Council releases the document for public review, after incorporating SSC comments as practicable, with the following modifications to the alternatives.

Alternative 1 No action

Alternative 2 Amend the BSAI Groundfish FMP to revise halibut PSC limits as follows (*more than one option can be selected*).

Option 1 — Establish seasonal apportionment of halibut PSC in the BSAI trawl limited access sector.

Option 2 Reduce halibut PSC limit for the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sector by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent ~~or~~ d) 35 percent **or e) 50 percent**

Option 3 Reduce halibut PSC limit for the Amendment 80 Sector by:

Suboption 1 Reducing the halibut PSC limit to Am 80 cooperatives by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent or e) 50 percent

Suboption 2 Reducing the halibut PSC limit to the Amendment 80 limited access fishery by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent d) 35 percent e) 50 percent or f) 60 percent

Option 4 Reduce halibut PSC limit for **Pacific cod** hook and line catcher vessel sector by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent ~~or~~ d) 35 percent **or e) 50 percent**

Option 5 Reduce halibut PSC limit for **Pacific cod** hook and line catcher processor sector by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent or d) 35 percent **or e) 50 percent**

Option 6 Reduce the CDQ halibut PSC limit by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent ~~or~~ d) 35 percent **or e) 50 percent**

Option 7 Reduce halibut PSC limit for other non-trawl (i.e., hook and line catcher vessels and catcher processors targeting anything except Pacific cod or sablefish) by:

a) 10 percent b) 20 percent c) 30 percent d) 35 percent or e) 50 percent

Alternative 3. Implement measures in the Amendment 80 sector to provide opportunities for deck sorting of halibut, or other handling practices that may provide an opportunity to reduce mortality of halibut that cannot be avoided