

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
C-3 CGOA Rockfish Program Reauthorization  
Council Motion  
January 30, 2020**

The Council adopts Alternative 2 to reauthorize the Rockfish Program (RP) with the existing management framework and the following Elements **in bold** as the preferred alternative for final action. Changes to the Alternative are shown in underline for additions and in ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.

Alternative 1: No Action

**Alternative 2: Reauthorize the Rockfish Program.**

**Reauthorize the RP with the existing management framework unless modified under this alternative.**

**Element 1: Modify regulations at § 679.80(a)(2) to specify the duration of the program.**

**Option 1: Remove the sunset date.**

Option 2: Replace with new sunset date (10-20 years).

**Element 2: Allow NMFS to reallocate unharvested RP Pacific cod from RP cooperatives to fixed gear open access fisheries after the RP fisheries close on November 15 consistent with regulations at § 679.20(a)(12)(ii). ~~The Regional Administrator would consider a reallocation of the projected unused allocation first to the CV pot, jig, and hook and line sectors first, then to the combined CV and CP pot sectors, and then to all other CP sectors, taking into account the capability of a sector as determined by the Regional Administrator, to harvest the reallocated Pacific cod.~~**

**Element 3: Exempt vessels from crab program sideboard limits when fishing in the RP.**

**Element 4: Require annual NMFS cost recovery reports in regulations.**

**Element 5: Clarify regulations at § 679.5(r)(10) to specify that only shoreside processors receiving RP CQ must submit the Rockfish Ex-vessel Volume and Value Report.**

**Element 6: Remove the regulations in § 679.5(r)(6)(iii)(B) requiring that an annual RP cooperative report be submitted to NMFS. The Council ~~may request~~ that the RP cooperatives continue to voluntarily provide annual reports to the Council.**

Element 7: Revise § 679.5(r)(6)(iii)(D) to replace “any actions” with “any civil actions”.

**Element 8: Revise § 679.81(i)(D)(3) to remove requirements for a Fishing Plan to be submitted with a cooperative application for CQ.**

**Element 9: Revise § 679.84(f)(1) to exempt shoreside processors under the RP from the requirement to provide an observer work station and observer communication described at § 679.28(g)(7)(vii) and (viii).**

**Element 10: Allow NMFS to reallocate unused rockfish ICAs to RP cooperatives.**

**Suboption: With a preference to reallocate to CV cooperatives first.**

**Element 11: Clarify regulations regarding accounting for inseason use caps to specify that any transfer of unused rockfish ICAs and CP CQ to CV cooperatives does not apply to CV ownership, cooperative, harvester CQ, or shoreside processor CQ use caps.**

**Element 12: Modify cooperative check-in times from 48 to 24 hours.**

**Element 13: Remove CP rockfish program sideboard limits in the WGOA rockfish fisheries in § 679.82(e)(4).**

**Element 14: Modify regulations at § 679.23(h)(1) by removing the 3-day stand down for CVs that fish for groundfish in the BSAI while pollock or Pacific cod is open to directed fishing in the BSAI from the GOA stand down if they check into the RP and fish in the CGOA RP.**