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Action Memo

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SUBJECT:
Pollock ICA/IPA Reports and SeaShare update (T)

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ACTION REQUIRED:
Review reports

BACKGROUND:
In addition to the AFA Cooperative Reports (under C2) participants in the Bering Sea pollock fishery are required to submit two additional annual reports to the Council by April 1 of each year. These reports are the following:

Chinook salmon IPA annual report

Under regulations to implement the Amendment 91 Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch management program, annual reports are required of each IPA entity and are provided to the Council at the April Council meeting. Regulations at 50 CFR 679.21(f)(13) stipulates that IPA entities report annually on the following:

- Incentive measures in effect in the previous year;
- How incentive measures affected individual vessels;
- How incentive measures affected salmon savings beyond current levels;
- IPA amendments approved by NMFS since the last annual report and the reasons for amendments;
- Sub-allocations to each participating vessel;
- Number of Chinook PSC and amount of pollock (mt) at the start of each fishing season;
- Number of Chinook PSC and amount of pollock (mt) caught at the end of each season;
- In-season transfers among entities of Chinook salmon PSC or pollock among AFA cooperatives;
- Transfers among IPA vessels; and amount of pollock (mt) transferred.

Reports from each of the three IPAs are attached.

Non-Chinook salmon intercooperative agreement (ICA) annual report

In conjunction with requirements under Amendment 84, the Non-Chinook Inter-Cooperative Agreement (ICA) provides an annual report on the efficacy of Chum (Non-Chinook) salmon bycatch management measures under the rolling hot spot (RHS) program. The ICA report to the Council contains the following:

1. Number of salmon taken by species and season.
2. Estimate of number of salmon avoided as demonstrated by the movement of fishing effort away from salmon hot-spots.
3. A compliance/enforcement report which will include the results of an internal compliance audit and an external compliance audit if one has been done.

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4. List of each vessel's number of appearances on the weekly vessel performance lists (note this is a requirement of the AFA coop reports).
5. Acknowledgement that the Agreement term has been extended for another year (maintaining the three-year lifespan) and report of any changes to the Agreement that were made at the time of the renewal.

An annual third party audit is also conducted to ensure compliance (or report on non-compliance) with the provisions of the ICA. The third party audit is attached in conjunction with the annual performance review.

Representative from each IPA and ICA will provide summary presentations to the Council of their annual reports.

SeaShare annual report

An annual report from the SeaShare program is attached. This report describes SeaShare's participation in the donation of bycaught salmon and halibut in the BSAI and GOA trawl fisheries. Mr. Jim Harmon of SeaShare will be available to present this report.