

North Pacific Fishery Management Council Motion
Agenda Items: D1-D4
December 10, 2017

The Council tasks staff to develop a discussion paper that evaluates modifications to the seasons, and allocations of pollock and Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska. Staff should evaluate the potential changes to available harvest, halibut and Chinook salmon PSC data from 2012 through 2017. To the extent possible, staff should provide an initial assessment of the potential changes in ex-vessel and first wholesale value, bycatch, and improvement in management efficiency that could result from these modifications.

Pollock in Areas 610, 620, 630 and 640

Option 1: Modify the allocation of pollock among existing A, B, C, and D seasons as follows:

Sub-option 1: A Season: 30%; B Season: 25%; C Season 25%; D season 20%

Sub-option 2: A Season: 30%; B Season: 30%; C Season 20%; D season 20%

Option 2: Combine the A and B season into a single season, and combining the C and D season into a single season, and allocate pollock among a combined A/B and C/D seasons as follows:

Sub-option 1: A/B Season: 50%; C/D season 50%

Sub-option 2: A/B Season: 55%; C/D season 45%

Sub-option 3: A/B Season: 60%; C/D season 40%

Option 3: Increase the amount of unharvested pollock that may be reallocated from one season to the following season, or among areas, from 20% to:

Sub-option 1: 25%

Sub-option 2: 30%

- Option 3 could be applied to the existing A, B, C, and D seasonal allocation, or to A/B and C/D allocations described in Options 1 and 2.

Pacific cod in the Western and Central Gulf of Alaska

Modify the allocation of Pacific cod among the existing A and B seasons as follows:

Option 1: A Season: 65%; B Season: 35%

Option 2: A Season: 70%; B Season: 30%

Option 3: A Season: 75%; B Season: 25%