

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
D-4 BSAI Halibut ABM
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The Council recommends focusing this action on the Amendment 80 sector and reducing the number of Alternatives for specifying a control rule to establish BSAI halibut PSC limits for the Amendment 80 sector to the following Alternatives:

1. Alternative 1: status quo
2. Alternative 2.2
3. Alternative 2.4: modify starting point to 2,018 mt; modify responsiveness of the PSC limit to changes in the index at a rate of 1:1 above the starting point and at a rate of 2:1 below the starting point.
4. Alternative 3.3a: remove the secondary index (Elements 4 and 5) and use the 4ABCDE setline survey as the index.

New Element (may be applied to any Alternative)

Protect halibut stocks at low levels of abundance. When the coastwide spawning biomass falls below B30, multiply the PSC limit by B/B30.