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Four additional options to study in the EA for blackcod pots in the GOA – By FVOA - Seattle

1. The option for pot limits currently is expressed as 0 to 400. FVOA members would like to get a better sense of what is needed by the fleet and suggest more specific options be offered. We suggest the public have input on limits of 150, 250, 350 and 400.
2. Pot removal, there is currently no requirement offered to have the pots removed from the grounds with fishing is done. The Canadian regulations require pots to be tended every 4 days. We would like to see an option that requires pot to be tended at least once a week or once every two weeks.
3. Pot identification – add analysis of requiring and AIS system or its equivalent with the bags and flag. If there is a cost affective electronic option to determine where the gear is set it will reduce gear conflicts.
4. There are several exemptions to removing gear from the grounds based on vessel length. We request that an option be added that would provide and exemption based on the number of pots in use rather than based on vessel length. We would suggest analysis with exemptions at 50, 75 or 100 pots.