

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver  
Executive Director

DATE: March 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Cooperative Reports and Salmon PSC

ESTIMATED TIME  
6 HOURS  
(All C-6 a, b c, d, e)

**ACTION REQUIRED**

- (a) Receive Amendment 80 Cooperative Reports
- (b) Receive CGOA Rockfish Cooperative Reports
- (c) Receive AFA Pollock Cooperative Reports

**BACKGROUND**

Three Cooperative programs subject to Council management require that cooperatives submit an annual year-end cooperative report summarizing their fishing activities from the preceding year. Due to the volume of these materials, a few copies of the complete reports from the various cooperatives will be made available at the meeting, and full copies are available from the Council office.

(a) Amendment 80 Co-op reports

Implemented in 2008, the Amendment 80 Program is a limited access privilege program (LAPP) that allocates a portion of total allowance catches (TACs) for Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and 3 flatfish species (yellow sole, rock sole, and flathead sole), along with an allocation of prohibited species catch (PSC) quota for halibut and crab, in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands, to the Amendment 80 sector. The Alaska Groundfish Cooperative report was mailed to you March 14, 2013. The Alaska Seafood Cooperative is posted as of March 28, 2013. Cooperatives will provide a summary report to the Council at this meeting. In February, the Council requested that the cooperatives, when giving their reports in April, also discuss halibut release survival.

(b) CGOA Rockfish Co-op reports

Cooperatives participating in the Central GOA of Alaska Rockfish Program also provide annual reports of their fishing activities in that program. Several cooperatives formed in the offshore sector and in the inshore sector. Reports from the I.S.A. Rockfish Cooperative, North Pacific Rockfish Cooperative, OBSI Rockfish Cooperative, Star of Kodiak Rockfish Cooperative, Western Alaska Fisheries Rockfish Cooperative, Global Rockfish Cooperative, and Pacific Rockfish Cooperative were mailed to you January 8, 2013. The FCA Cooperative report was mailed to you January 22, 2013. The Best Use Cooperative report is posted on Council web site. Cooperatives will provide a summary report to the Council at this meeting.

(c) AFA Co-op reports

Each year, the AFA Bering Sea Pollock fishery cooperatives submit year-end reports summarizing their fishing activities from the preceding year and cooperative agreements for the upcoming year (copies of these reports are available upon request). This requirement is interpreted such that the cooperatives submit information only if and to what degree such agreements have been modified from existing agreements. Co-op representatives will provide a joint, summary report to the Council at this meeting.