

ERRATA

This is an errata list for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that was distributed March 11, 2011 in a Council Meeting. Page numbers below correspond to the March 11 version.

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Issuing an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) for the Purpose of Testing a Salmon Excluder Device in the Eastern Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

General

- The date of the comment period was extended to match the date that will be specified in the *Federal Register* notice.
- Technical edits were made throughout the document.
- Page 10
 - The sentence stating that overall bycatch rates are usually lower in the pelagic trawl fishery compared to the bottom trawl fishery was deleted.
 - The focus of this project is the pelagic trawl fishery and salmon bycatch rather than bycatch in general in the groundfish fisheries.
- Page 26 and 38
 - Both pages make mention of lease sale 214, which was subsequently cancelled.
 - The reference to this sale was therefore deleted from the text.
- Page 17
 - Rating definitions were deleted because the definitions are in the criteria tables.

Substantive

- Section 4.2.2
 - A correction was made to the total amount of pollock that was transferred from the Aleutian Islands to the Bering Sea pollock TAC.
 - Therefore, the harvest of pollock under the EFP would remain below the Bering Sea pollock ABC.
- Section 4.2.2
 - Additional information was provided on other species that may be caught during the study.
- Section 4.7
 - Information was added to the socioeconomic section regarding the selection of catcher vessels for the EFP, factors affecting the costs of fishing under the EFP, and the proceeds from the sale of pollock.
 - Page 10
 - The phrase, “Even though this action alone has no impact socioeconomically on the pollock industry” was deleted.
 - Participants in the EFP fishing may experience socioeconomic effects, depending on the costs of doing the study, the total harvests, and the revenues from the sale of the fish either retained or donated to the North Pacific Fisheries Research Foundation.