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Action Memo

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SUBJECT: Gulf of Alaska Tendering - Update/Discussion Paper

ESTIMATED TIME: 2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED: Review GOA Tendering Report

BACKGROUND

At the June 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed a report on tendering activity and tasked staff to update the report with the following information:

- Data from the remainder of the 2013 fishing year;
- Proportion of AFA vessels operating as tender vessels in the GOA pollock and Pacific cod fishery;
- Information on impacts of tendering GOA pollock and Pacific cod concerning timely catch accounting, and;
- Information concerning possible impacts of genetic sampling protocol of tendered GOA pollock.

Since the June 2013 meeting, the Council has also reviewed a separate discussion paper (in December 2013) addressing observer monitoring and deployment on catcher vessels delivering to tender vessels. After reviewing that discussion paper, the Council initiated an analysis of a regulatory amendment to address these issues. Given that the review of possible impacts of tendered GOA pollock on the genetic sampling protocol in that fishery has already been presented to the Council, and the Council has taken action, the report does not include this information.