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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Gulf of Alaska pot cod sector participation - discussion paper

ESTIMATED TIME:
2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Discussion of preliminary data review

BACKGROUND

In October 2013, the Council requested that staff prepare a summary of information on participation, permit use, and harvest in the GOA Pacific cod pot fishery. This information could serve as a point of reference for any future examination of potential impacts to the pot sector relating to the Council's ongoing effort to evaluate elements and options for GOA Trawl Bycatch Management actions.

The discussion paper examines participation by LLP holders and non-LLP holders in the federally managed Pacific cod pot fishery, as well as the parallel fishery in state waters and the state-managed fishery. A summary of endorsements for other fisheries and gear types that are held on the current set of Pacific cod pot endorsed LLPs is included. The paper provides annual groundfish pot harvest data at an area level, as well as high-level information on the dependency of fishery participants on this and other groundfish fisheries.