SSC Report

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- The SSC *commends* the analysts for compiling and organizing a tremendous amount of information about the harvesting and processing businesses that would be affected by the proposed actions

- If the Council chooses to bifurcate the action, the SSC *recommends* that analysis of Alternatives 1 – 4 and 6 be released for public review after additional recommended analyses are completed

- Alternative 5 was presented for discussion, and there is no analysis of its effects in this document, thus it cannot be advanced for further consideration at this time

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- The analysis could go further in illuminating the impacts of the alternatives on different sectors and communities. The SSC further *recommends* the analysts:

  - incorporate predictions of how effectively the alternatives will attenuate entry and the race to fish

  - consider effects on crew safety, bycatch, and ecological impacts of shortened seasons

  - predict which communities will gain or lose landings under the alternatives and evaluate changes in the tax revenue levels that are currently a focus of the SIA's community dependence analysis.

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- Additional recommended analysis:
  - attempt to predict port-specific reductions in landings under the alternatives to gauge employment impacts, and consider a social accounting matrix appropriate for economic impact analysis
  - consider possible cost differences between shoreside and offshore delivery of Pacific cod
- Given the expected decreases in the Pacific cod ABC, the SSC recommends that the analysts include predictions of effects of the alternatives at the projected lower ABC levels for 2020
- The SSC recommends greater future integration between RIRs and SIAs to characterize how economic changes described in the RIR will lead to changes in social indicators in the SIAs
- The SSC recommended a number of other minor additions