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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Amendment 80 Program 5-year Review

ESTIMATED TIME:
4 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review Amendment 80 5-year Report

BACKGROUND:
Amendment 80, implemented in 2008, enabled the formation of fishery cooperatives for non-AFA trawl catcher processors. As part of the Amendment 80 program developed by the Council and as required by section 303 (A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), a 5-year review of the program is required to determine progress in meeting the goals of the Amendment 80 program and the MSA.

For the December 2013 meeting, a draft work-plan of the 5-year review was prepared. The work-plan summarized the specific requirements that a 5-year review be developed, possible issues to examine, and annotated table of contents of the review. At the December 2013 meeting, the Council examined and provided direction concerning the draft work plan. Since December, Northern Economics, a contractor hired to complete the 5-year review, has been preparing the report, which was completed on April 1, 2014. The report reviews 1) the use and collection of scientific data in the Amendment 80 fisheries, 2) rationalization and elimination of the race for fish, 3) safety in the Amendment 80 fisheries, 4) a discussion of the modified trawl sweeps in the Amendment 80 fisheries in maintaining a healthy marine ecosystem, 4) attainment of optimum yield and ability to account for variations and contingencies, 5) retention and utilization of harvested resources, 6) prohibited species catch in the Amendment 80 and BSAI trawl limited assess sectors, 7) benefits generated by the Amendment 80 fishery, 8) assessment of CDQ Program allocations in Amendment 80 fisheries, and 9) community impacts of Amendment 80.