

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members  
FROM: Chris Oliver *Chris*  
Executive Director  
DATE: May 27, 2010  
SUBJECT: Staff Tasking

ESTIMATED TIME  
4 HOURS

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Review tasking and committees and provide direction

**BACKGROUND**

Committees and Tasking

The list of Council committees is attached as Item D-3(a). An updated workplan for implementing the programmatic groundfish management policy is attached as Item D-3(b). Item D-3(c) is the three meeting outlook and Item D-3(d) provides a summary of current projects and tasking. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

**NPFMC Committees & Workgroups**  
(Revised June 1, 2010)

**Council/Board of Fisheries Joint Protocol Committee**

Updated: 8/10/07	<u>Council:</u> Dave Benson Ed Dersham Eric Olson	<u>Board:</u> Larry Edfelt John Jensen Mel Morris
Staff: Jane DiCosimo		

**Council Coordination Committee**

[Designated and renamed by Magnuson Act reauthorization April 2007]

Appointed: 4/05 Updated: 7/23/09	<u>CFMC:</u> C: Eugenio Pinerio ED: Miguel Rolon	<u>NPFMC:</u> C: Eric Olson ED: Chris Oliver
	<u>GMFMC:</u> C: Robert Shipp ED: Steve Bortone	<u>PFMC:</u> C: Dave Ortmann ED: Don McIsaac
	<u>MAFMC:</u> C: Richard Robins ED: Dan Furlong	<u>SAFMC:</u> C: Duane Harris ED: Bob Mahood
Staff: Chris Oliver	<u>NEFMC:</u> C: John Pappalardo ED: Paul Howard	<u>WPFMC:</u> C: Stephen Haleck ED: Kitty Simonds

**Council Executive/Finance Committee**

Updated: 8/10/07	Eric Olson (Chair) Jim Balsiger (NMFS) Alt. Sue Salvesson Dave Hanson (PSMFC) Denby Lloyd (ADFG) Alt. Dave Bedford Roy Hyder (ODFW) Bill Tweit (WDFW)
<u>Status:</u> Meet as necessary	
Staff: Chris Oliver/Dave Witherell/Gail Bendixen	

**Bering Sea Crab Advisory Committee**

Appointed 4/25/07	Sam Cotten (Chair)	Lenny Herzog
Revised 11/15/07	Jerry Bongen	Kevin Kaldestad
	Steve Branson	Frank Kelty
	Florence Colburn	John Moller
	Linda Freed	Rob Rogers
	Dave Hambleton	Simeon Swetozof
	Phil Hanson	Ernest Weiss
Staff: Mark Fina	Tim Henkel	

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**BS/AI Pacific Cod Split Committee**

<p><b>Pending appointment</b></p> <p>Staff: Nicole Kimball</p>
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**Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch Workgroup**

<p>Appointed: 3/07</p> <p>Staff: Diana Stram</p>	<p>Stephanie Madsen (Co-chair) Eric Olson (Co-chair) Becca Robbins Gisclair John Gruver Karl Haflinger</p>	<p>Jennifer Hooper Paul Peyton Mike Smith Vincent Webster (BOF)</p>
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**Comprehensive Economic Data Collection Committee**

<p>Appointed: 12/07 Updated: 2/9/09</p> <p>Staff: Jeannie Heltzel</p>	<p>John Henderschedt (Chair) Bruce Berg Michael Catsi Dave Colpo Paula Cullenberg</p>	<p>Brett Reasor Glenn Reed Ed Richardson Mike Szymanski Gale Vick</p>
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**Crab Interim Action Committee**

[Required under BSAI Crab FMP]

<p>Jim Balsiger, NMFS Denby Lloyd, ADF&amp;G Phil Anderson, WDF</p>
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**Ecosystem Committee**

<p>Updated: 10/22/07</p> <p><u>Status</u>: Active</p> <p>Staff: Diana Evans</p>	<p>Stephanie Madsen (Chair) Jim Ayers Dave Benton Doug DeMaster/Bill Karp Dave Fluharty John Iani Jon Kurland Caleb Pungowiyi</p>
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# NPFMC Committees & Workgroups

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## Enforcement Committee

<p>Updated: 7/03</p> <p><u>Status</u>: Active</p> <p>Staff: Jon McCracken</p>	<p>Roy Hyder (Chair)            CAPT Mike Cerne, USCG            Jon Streigel, AK F&amp;W Protection            Martin Loefflad, NMFS            Stefanie Moreland, ADF&amp;G            Lisa Lindeman/Garland Walker, NOAA-GC            Sherrie Meyers/Ken Hansen, NMFS-Enforcement            Sue Salvesson, NMFS</p>
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## Fur Seal Committee

<p>Updated: 8/10/07</p> <p><u>Status</u>: Active</p> <p>Staff: Jeannie Heltzel</p>	<p>David Benson (Chair)            Larry Cotter            Aquilina Lestenkof            Paul MacGregor            Heather McCarty            Anthony Mercurief</p>
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## GOA Groundfish Rationalization Community Committee

<p>Appointed: 11/04</p> <p>Staff: Nicole Kimball</p>	<p>Hazel Nelson (Chair)            Julie Bonney            Duncan Fields            Chuck McCallum</p>	<p>Patrick Norman            Joe Sullivan            Chuck Totemoff            Ernie Weiss</p>
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## Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee

<p>Appointed: 1/06            Revised: 3/29/10  <u>Status</u>: Idle, pending direction</p> <p>Staff: Jane DiCosimo</p>	<p>Dave Hanson (Chair)            Seth Bone            Robert Candopoulos            Ricky Gease            John Goodhand            Kathy Hansen            Dan Hull            Chuck McCallum</p>	<p>Larry McQuarrie            Scott Meyer            Stephanie Moreland            Rex Murphy            Peggy Parker            Charles "Chaco" Pearman            Greg Sutter</p>
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## IFQ Implementation Committee

<p>Reconstituted: 7/31/03            Updated: 11/09</p> <p>Staff: Jane DiCosimo</p>	<p>Dan Hull (Chair)            Bob Alverson            Rick Berns            Julianne Curry            Tim Henkel            Don Iverson</p>	<p>Jeff Kauffman            Don Lane            Kris Norosz            Paul Peyton            Jeff Stephan            Phil Wyman</p>
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**Non-Target Species Committee**

Appointed: 7/03 Updated: 8/10/07  Staff: Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC/ Olav Ormseth, AFSC	Dave Benson (Chair) Julie Bonney John Gauvin Ken Goldman Karl Haflinger Michelle Ridgway	Janet Smoker Paul Spencer Lori Swanson Anne Vanderhoeven Jon Warrenchuk
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**Observer Advisory Committee**

Reconstituted: 6/09 Updated: 7/09 <u>Status</u> : Active  Staff: Chris Oliver/ Nicole Kimball	Denby Lloyd (co-Chair) Bill Tweit (co-Chair) Bob Alverson Christian Asay Jerry Bongen Julie Bonney Kenny Down Matt Hegge	Michael Lake Todd Loomis Paul MacGregor Tracey Mayhew Brent Paine Theresa Peterson Kathy Robinson Ann Vanderhoeven Richie Davis
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**Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee**

Appointed: 2/07  Staff: Diana Stram	Steve Minor (Chair) Keith Colburn Lance Farr Phil Hanson Kevin Kaldestad Garry Loncon Gary Painter	Rob Rogers Vic Sheibert Gary Stewart Tom Suryan Arni Thomson, Secretary (non-voting)
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**Rural Outreach Committee**

Appointed: 6/09  Staff: Nicole Kimball	Eric Olson (Chair) Paula Cullenberg Duncan Fields Jennifer Hooper Tom Okleasik Ole Olsen Pete Probasco
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# NPFMC Committees & Workgroups

(Revised June 1, 2010)

## Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee

Appointed: 2/01 Updated: 11/09  [formerly SSL RPA Committee; renamed February 2002]  Staff: Jeannie Heltzel Advisor: Dan Hennen	Larry Cotter (Chair) Jerry Bongen Julie Bonney Kenny Down John Gauvin Pat Hardina Sue Hills Frank Kelty	Steve MacLean Stephanie Madsen Max Malavansky, Jr Gerry Merrigan Mel Morris Art Nelson Glenn Reed Beth Stewart
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## VMS Committee

Appointed: 6/02  <u>Status</u> : Idle, pending direction  Staff: Jane DiCosimo	Roy Hyder (Chair) Al Burch Guy Holt Ed Page LCDR Lisa Ragone Lori Swanson
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# Groundfish Workplan

Priority actions revised in February 2007, status updated to current

General Priority (in no particular order)	Specific priority actions	Related to management objective:	Status (updated 5-28-10)	2010			2011		
				Jun	Oct	Dec	Feb	Apr	Jun
<b>Prevent Overfishing</b>	a. continue to develop management strategies that ensure sustainable yields of target species and minimize impacts on populations of incidentally-caught species	5	Aggregate ABC/OFL for 16 non-target species in the BSAI skates TAC breakout in Oct 2008 remaining other species might address management final action in Apr 10						
	b. evaluate effectiveness of setting ABC levels using Tier 5 and 6 approaches, for rockfish and other species	4	AFSC is working to do a review as part of the work on skates and other species						
	c. continue to develop a systematic approach to lumping and splitting that takes into account both biological and management considerations	5	BSAI Pcod split discussion in Oct 10 report from non-target species committee in Dec 09						
<b>Preserve Food Web</b>	a. encourage and participate in development of key ecosystem indicators	10	ecosystem SAFE presented annually; AI FEP identified/refined indicators for the Aleutians; AI report Feb 2011						
	b. Reconcile procedures to account for uncertainty and ecosystem considerations in establishing harvest limits, for rockfish and other species	11	report from non-target species committee in Dec 09						
	c. develop pilot Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the AI	13	FEP brochure published Dec 07 FEP updates, AI report for Feb 2011						
<b>Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste</b>	a. explore incentive-based bycatch reduction programs in GOA and BSAI fisheries	15	partially addressed in BSAI salmon bycatch FIS partially addressed in Tanner crab area closures around Kodiak, final action Oct 2010 also GOA Chinook discussion paper in Dec 10						
	b. explore mortality rate-based approaches to setting PSC limits in GOA and BSAI fisheries	20	partially addressed in BSAI salmon bycatch FIS discussion paper on BSAI crab bycatch in Jun 10						
	c. consider new management strategies to reduce incidental rockfish bycatch and discards	17							
	d. develop statistically rigorous approaches to estimating bycatch in line with national initiatives	14, 19	National Bycatch Report update in Dec 07						
	e. encourage research programs to evaluate population estimates for non-target species	16	Part of research priorities, adopted in June 2007						
	f. develop incentive-based and appropriate biomass-based trigger limits and area closures for BSAI salmon bycatch reduction, as information becomes available	14, 15, 20	bycatch limit for Chumms adopted Apr 09 review alternatives for chum analysis in Jun 10						
	g. assess impact of management measures on regulatory discards and consider measures to reduce where practicable	17	partially addressed by GOA in case of MRA discards (Council action, Oct 07) BSAI arrowtooth MRA analysis initial review Jun 10						

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<b>Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals</b>	a. continue to participate in development of mitigation measures to protect SSL through the MSA process including participation in the FMP-level consultation under the ESA	23	NMFS is preparing a Biological Opinion for July 2010; Council meeting in Aug 2010; SSL committee will meet at some point							
	b. recommend to NOAA Fisheries and participate in reconsideration of SSL critical habitat	23								
	c. monitor fur seal status and management issues, and convene committee as appropriate	24, 25								
	d. adaptively manage seabird avoidance measures program	22	<i>Council action, seabird avoidance measures in AF in Jan 08</i>							
<b>Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat</b>	a. evaluate effectiveness of existing closures	26	NMFS researching GOA closed areas (Sanak & Albatross), Council review in 2011							
	b. consider Bering Sea EFH mitigation measures	27	<i>Council action on measures in June 07</i> BS flatfish trawl sweep mods required in Oct 10 EFH 5-year review completed Apr 2010, armds and discussion papers on crab and sablefish initiated develop Northern BS Research Plan for 2011							
	c. consider call for HAPC proposals on 3-year cycle	27	HAPC RFP issued for skate nurseries Council amendment to change cycle to 5 years							
	d. request NMFS to develop and implement a research design on the effects of trawling in previously untrawled areas	27	<i>Part of research priorities adopted in June 2007</i>							
<b>Promote Equitable and Efficient Use of Fishery Resources</b>	a. explore eliminating latent licenses in BSAI and GOA	32	<i>Council action on trawl LLP recency in Apr 08</i> GOA fixed gear latent licenses in Apr 08							
	b. consider sector allocations in GOA fisheries	32, 34	<i>Final action GOA Food sector allocations Dec 07</i> reconsideration of GOA rockfish pilot program							
<b>Increase Alaska Native and Community Consultation</b>	a. Develop a protocol or strategy for improving the Alaska Native and community consultation process	37	<i>protocol presented in Jun 06</i> annual review of protocol							
	b. Develop a method for systematic documentation of Alaska Native and community participation in the development of management actions	37	outreach plan for chum salmon, meetings planned for Feb-Mar 2011 Workshop for NBSRA research plan, Mar 2011							
<b>Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement</b>	a. expand or modify observer coverage and sampling methods based on scientific data and compliance needs	38, 39	<i>Council action in Apr 08 to improve program</i> next phase of electronic monitoring EFP 2010 restructuring analysis initial review Jun 10							
	b. explore development programs for economic data collection that aggregate data	40	<i>final action, salmon bycatch data collection Dec 06</i> <i>partially addressed in BSAI April 06</i>							
	c. modify VMS to incorporate new technology and system providers	41	<i>Council action, VMS exemption for dinghies in Apr 08</i>							



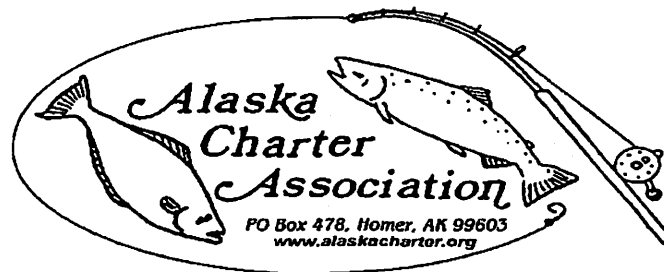
June 7, 2010 Sitka, AK	October 4, 2010 Anchorage, AK Captain Cook	December 6, 2010 Anchorage, AK Hilton Hotel
<p>Am 91 Proposed Rule: <b>Review</b> AM 80 GRS program: <b>Report and action as necessary</b></p> <p>GOA P.cod sideboards for crab vessels: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>GOA Halibut PSC Discussion Paper: <b>Preliminary Review</b></p> <p>Am 80 Lost Vessel Replacement: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>CGOA Rockfish Program: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>Observer Program Restructuring: <b>OAC report; Initial Review</b></p> <p>Annual AFA Reporting Requirements: <b>Initial/Final Action</b></p> <p>BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch: <b>Review Disc paper; finalize alts.; Outreach Update</b> Salmon Bycatch Genetics: <b>Receive update on research</b> Arrowtooth Flounder MRA: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab Draft SAFE: <b>SSC Review</b> BSAI Crab ACLs/snow crab rebuilding: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>Alaska MPA System Briefing: <b>Review</b> Scallop ACLs: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>Groundfish Tier 6 methodology discussion (SSC Only)</p>	<p>Joint Protocol Committee (T) SSL BiOp/ Measures: <b>Action as necessary</b> Research Priorities: <b>Finalize</b></p> <p>GOA P.cod sideboards for crab vessels: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>GOA Halibut PSC Discussion Paper: <b>Review disc. Paper (T)</b> CQE area 3A D class purchase: <b>Initial Review</b> CQE in Area 4B: <b>Review Discussion paper</b> Area 4B D shares on C vessels: <b>Initial Review/Final Action</b></p> <p>Observer Program Restructuring: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab ROFR: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab Emergency Relief: <b>Initial Review</b> Economic Data Collection: <b>Review disc papers; action as nec.</b></p> <p>BSAI Chinook salmon bycatch EDR: <b>Review regulations/ forms</b></p> <p>Arrowtooth Flounder MRA: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs: <b>Review and Approve</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab ACLs/snow crab rebuilding: <b>Final Action</b> Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>MPA Nomination Discussion Paper: <b>Review</b> Hagemeister Island: <b>Initial Review</b> Scallop ACLs: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>Groundfish Specifications: <b>Receive Plan Team Reports Adopt Proposed Catch Limits</b></p> <p>HAPC: <b>Review Proposals for Analysis</b> Groundfish Workplan: <b>Annual review</b></p>	<p>SSL Measures: <b>action as necessary</b></p> <p>BS&amp;AI P.cod Split: <b>Discuss plan/action as necessary (T)</b></p> <p>P.cod Jig Fishery Management: <b>Discussion Paper (T)</b></p> <p>CQE area 3A D class purchase: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>Four new CQE eligible communities: <b>Initial/Final Action (T)</b></p> <p>BSAI Crab ROFR: <b>Final Action</b> BSAI Crab Rationalization 5-year review: <b>Receive report</b> BSAI Crab Emergency Relief: <b>Final Action</b> AI P.cod Processing Sideboards: <b>Initial Review</b></p> <p>GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch: <b>Discussion paper (T)</b></p> <p>BBRKC Spawning Area/fishing effects: <b>Discussion paper (T)</b></p> <p>Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan: <b>Final Action</b> Sablefish Recruitment Factors: <b>Discussion Paper (T)</b></p> <p>Hagemeister Island: <b>Final Action</b></p> <p>Groundfish Specifications: <b>PT reports; Approve SAFE; Adopt Final Catch Limits</b></p> <p>EFH Amendment: <b>Initial Review (T)</b></p>

ACL - Annual Catch Limit  
AI - Aleutian Islands  
GOA - Gulf of Alaska  
SSL - Steller Sea Lion  
BKC - Bue King Crab  
BOF - Board of Fisheries  
FEP - Fishery Ecosystem Plan  
CDQ - Community Development Quota  
VMS - Vessel Monitoring System  
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit  
BiOp - Biological Opinion  
MRA - Maximum Retainable Allowance

PSC - Prohibited Species Catch  
TAC - Total Allowable Catch  
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands  
IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota  
ROFR - Right of First Refusal  
GHL - Guideline Harvest Level  
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement  
LLP - License Limitation Program  
SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation  
MPA - Marine Protected Area  
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat  
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations**  
June 7 - , 2010 in Sitka  
Oct 4-, 2010 in Anchorage (Captain Cook)  
Dec 6- 2010 in Anchorage Hilton  
January 31-February 8, 2011-Seattle  
March 28-April 5, 2011-Anchorage  
June 2011 - Nome  
September 26-, 2011 in Unalaska

(T) Tentatively scheduled



*"To Preserve and Protect the Rights and Resources of Alaska's Sport Fishermen"*

June 01, 2010

Mr. Eric Olson, Chairman  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
605 W 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 306  
Anchorage, AK 99501-2252

Ref: Agenda Item D3/Charter Halibut Permit splitting

Dear Chairman Olson,

The Alaska Charter Association (ACA) is a statewide organization representing over 150 charter and associated businesses. Its mission is to preserve and protect those fishing rights and resources necessary for the Alaska charter fleet to best serve the recreational fishery.

ACA is writing today to discuss the issue of charter halibut permit (CHP) stacking and un-stacking. As you know, the final rule allows stacking and un-stacking of charter halibut permits, providing some flexibility in how a business chooses to serve charter vessel anglers. However, stacking becomes problematic when an operator is forced to stack permits with total angler endorsements in excess of vessel capacity. When this happens, the extra endorsements are unusable or "stranded". For example, in Area 2C, the minimum number of angler endorsements on a CHP is four, but most vessels are capable of carrying 6 anglers. In order to carry 6 passengers, a permit holder with endorsements for 4 or 5 anglers would have to stack a second permit (with a 4 endorsement minimum), stranding 2 or more endorsements. The permit holder could attempt to buy a permit with 6 endorsements and sell the original permit, but availability of permits is unknown and it may be difficult to sell a 4 pack permit if there is no way to increase capacity to 6 endorsements.

Another issue will arise when a large vessel carrying a single large CHP suffers a mechanical failure that necessitates transfer of passengers to more than one smaller vessel. For instance, suppose a vessel with a 24 endorsement CHP suffers an engine failure that takes it out of service for the remainder of the season. The operator of that vessel will need to move the business scheduled for this vessel to one or more vessels. The odds of finding another 24 passenger vessel or four six packs with permits are poor. However, many vessels will likely be available without CHPs, due to implementation of the halibut limited entry program. In this situation, it would be desirable to be able to split a large permit into a series of smaller sub-permits and place the sub-permits on several of these smaller vessels.

In the final rule, comment number 93 identified this issue and NMFS response includes the following passage:

“This rule does not provide for splitting permits as this would potentially multiply the number of permits initially allocated contrary to the intent of this rule.”<sup>1</sup>

ACA notes that with the passage of the charter halibut limited entry program, the total number of angler endorsements was effectively capped at the same time the total number of permits was capped. ***Splitting or stacking permits does not change the total number of angler endorsements; therefore the intent of the rule is in no way compromised by the addition of a provision allowing splitting of permits into sub-permits.***

ACA hopes the Council agrees that the stranding of angler endorsements is an undesirable consequence of the stacking provisions built in to the charter halibut limited entry program. In addition ACA notes the practical need to be able to split large permits into smaller ones. ACA proposes the addition of a provision allowing the splitting of a permit into sub-permits in angler endorsement increments, and has included a problem statement and alternatives for the Council's consideration. ACA asks the Council to task staff with a discussion paper on the topic of permit splitting at its earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Greg Sutter  
President

Attachment: Draft limited entry permit splitting problem statement and alternatives

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<sup>1</sup> Federal Register /Vol. 75, No. 2/Tuesday, January 5, 2010 p. 583

**Problem Statement:**

Charter halibut permits (CHPs) may be issued with angler endorsements that do not fully utilize the capacity of the boat they are used on. Stacking a second permit allows full utilization of boat capacity, but may result in stranded angler endorsements, where total angler endorsements exceed the capacity of the boat, because of the absence (per regulation) of permits with fewer than 4 angler endorsements. This is a likely scenario in the cases of UPVs that received angler endorsements for fewer than 6, and a possible scenario with larger boats. In addition, operators of large vessels may find the need to split a large CHP into smaller sub-permits in order to deal with mechanical problems or changes in business models.

**Alternatives:**

- Alternative 1. Status quo. To remedy the situation above, a boat owner must either purchase a permit with the capacity he/she is seeking, or stack a permit. For an operator of a large boat desiring to transfer business to a series of smaller vessels, the smaller vessels would need to already have CHPs, which will likely be in short supply. Both cases can result in stranded seats and unnecessary expenditures.*
- Alternative 2. Allow a permit to be split into sub-permits, with the sum of angler endorsements for all sub-permits equaling the angler endorsement on the original permit. Each sub-permit inherits the transferability/non-transferability of its parent and may be stacked.*

# NPFMC/NMFS Action - updated 5/26/10

			Timeline												
			2010						2011						
Action	Status	Staffing	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	April	May	June
Blue = Post Council Action, Rulemaking															
BSAI Chinook Salmon Bycatch	Preparation of ROD	NMFS 100%													
Halibut Catch sharing plan	Preparation of final analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
LLP recency actions	Preparation of final analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
Recent Crab Rationalization program changes	Preparation of analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
Litigation workload	Ongoing	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
BSAI fixed gear parallel waters	Preparation of analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 70% Council 30%													
Permit fees in all fisheries	Preparation of final analytical documents, forms, and rulemaking package	NMFS 100% Council 0%													
BSAI skate amendment	Combined with ACL rulemaking	NMFS 100% Council 0%													
Bottom trawl sweeps	Preparation of final analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
GOA P cod sector splits	Preparation of analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 10% Council 90%													
Observer Reg. Package	Preparation of Final Rule	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
Groundfish ACL plan amendments	Final Action in April	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
5-year EFH Review	Final Review in April	NMFS 50% Council 50%													
BSAI Chinook Salmon EDR	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
Halibut Sablefish IFQ hired skipper rule	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 100% Council 0%													
Remove inactive Halibut/Sablefish QS	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 100% Council 0%													









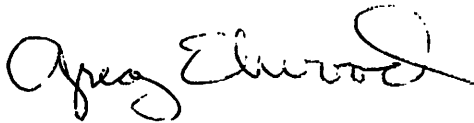
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North Pacific Management Staff and Council Memebers,

Enclosed is a letter I have written and would like to have presented to the Council and addressed at the next meeting. I am uncertain how to proceed with this exactly so have enclosed a copy of the letter and would like your help with directing it where it needs to go. If I need further actions on my part I am glad to do so. You can contact me at the following phone or email.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,



Greg Elwood

435 319 3809

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
March 5, 2010  
Council Members,

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My name is Greg Elwood and I am co-owner of the Catcher / Processor Alpine Cove. The Alpine Cove is a 76 ft hook & line freezer long liner that has a C/P hook & line endorsement for Western Gulf. To my knowledge we are the only vessel within the freezer long line newly formed but yet to be implemented Western Gulf sector that does not have Amendment 63 Bering Sea freezer hook & line endorsement.

I realize the consolidation of the Bering Sea is not new information and plans to implement this have been on going. **We are very concerned that our access to Western Gulf is in serious jeopardy.**

I have reason to believe that the Bering Sea freezer longline vessels that qualify for Western Gulf freezer longline C/P endorsement are making internal agreements to voluntarily stack quotas on fewer vessels in the Bering Sea for 2010 B season and 2011 A season.

We have communicated with the Freezer Long line Coop. executive Director Kenny Down and other members of the quaisi coop. From my communications with these individuals I came to the aforementioned conclusions.

This will have the net effect of freeing up vessels to come into Western Gulf and accelerate the prosecution of the fishery. This action would radically impact our ability to have enough time on the grounds to remain economically viable.

The Western Gulf is an ancillary component of these large scale freezer long liners but it is the life blood for our operation. I don't know if anything can be done to prevent what I believe is a likely scenario and having the proof that this has happened will mean that we have already been severely impacted economically. Coming to the Council and complaining after it has occurred is certainly the least desirable way to ask for some relief.

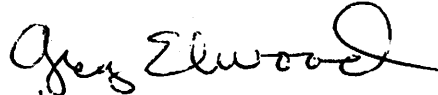
The Bering Sea freezer longliners are obviously aware that there are no restrictions presently in place and this concept of freeing freezer longline vessels by internally stacking quota will, in our estimation, severely impact the prosecution of the Gulf Cod fishery for 2010 & 2011 prior to the implementation of the sector splits.

If these vessels are allowed to enter unencumbered into the Gulf for the last derby rodeo there will be a significant transfer of catch to the previously occupied Bering Sea freezer long line C/P fleet and subsequently much shorter season for the Gulf.

These vessels have the capability of harvesting and additional 5 million pounds a week or more as demonstrated this last A season, 2010 when 9 freezer long line boats from the Bering Sea entered the Gulf the first week in February. Keep in mind that the Gulf had a quota increase of approximately 40% over the 2009 TAC when the freezer long line fleet largely stood down with only a few vessels entering the Gulf. The most startling example of the power of the Bering Sea freezer long line fleets impact- in spite of a 40% increase in the 2010 Gulf TAC, the TAC was taken 3 days earlier than in 2009.

The Councils attention to the probability of said scenario occurring would be greatly appreciated by all who depend on the Gulf Pacific Cod fishery and lack access to other ground fisheries.

Regards,

  
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