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4. Provide for periodic reviews of the adequacy of F <sub>40</sub> and adopt improvements, as appropriate.	Ongoing - AFSC responds to CIE reviews as part of specs process																																												
5. Continue to improve the management of species through species categories.	2009 - BSAI skates TAC breakout 2010 - Ecosystem component created 2014 - Grenadiers to EC 2015 -Working paper on uncertainty in control rules tasked																																												
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<b>2. Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Communities</b>	6. Promote conservation while providing for optimum yield in terms of the greatest overall benefit to the nation with particular reference to food production, and sustainable opportunities for recreational, subsistence, and commercial fishing participants and fishing communities. 7. Promote management measures that, while meeting conservation objectives, are also designed to avoid significant disruption of existing social and economic structures. 8. Promote fair and equitable allocation of identified available resources in a manner such that no particular sector, group or entity acquires an excessive share of the privileges. 9. Promote increased safety at sea.	These considerations are applied to all management actions.										These objectives represent standards that either separately or in combination apply to virtually all of the discussion, deliberation, and action taken by the Council.																																	

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<b>3. Preserve Food Web</b>  (Ecosystem Approach)	10. Develop indices of ecosystem health as targets for management.	2015 - GOA Ecosystem Report Card												<p><b>Other management actions related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncertainty and ecosystem considerations taken into account during stock assessment and harvest specifications</li> <li>• Ecosystem indices reported and assessed in annual ecosystem SAFE report</li> <li>• Adoption of the Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan, and development of a Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan</li> <li>• Development of ecosystem synthesis reports for the Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands ecosystem areas, and ongoing development of report for the Gulf of Alaska</li> <li>• Adoption, as Council policy, of an ecosystem vision statement</li> </ul>
		Ongoing - Ecosystem SAFEs, report cards presented annually												
		Pending – BS FEP will include ecosystem indicators and triggers												
		EFH 5 year Review												
	11. Improve the procedure to adjust acceptable biological catch levels as necessary to account for uncertainty and ecosystem factors.	Pending - Working paper on uncertainty in control rules - awaiting NS Guidelines revisions												
		Ongoing - BSIERP MSE modeling												
	12. Continue to protect the integrity of the food web through limits on harvest of forage species.	Ongoing - Herring PSC limits specified annually												
13. Incorporate ecosystem-based considerations into fishery management decisions, as appropriate.	2007 - FEP and brochure published 2011 - AI ecosystem assessment developed 2014 – Ecosystem Vision Statement 2015 - BS FEP													
	Ongoing – Ecosystem SAFE													

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<b>4. Manage Incidental Catch and Reduce Bycatch and Waste</b>	14. Continue and improve current incidental catch and bycatch management program.	2011 - National Bycatch Report 2013 - Restructured Obs. Program 2015 - Bycatch limits for BS Chinook revised - pending rulemaking Ongoing - Halibut Management Framework												<p><b>FMP amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>110</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2016</td> <td>● Established Chinook and chum salmon PSC avoidance measures</td> </tr> <tr> <td>111</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2016</td> <td>● Reduced PSC limits for halibut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>79</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2014</td> <td>● Established groundfish retention standard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>84/91</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2014</td> <td>● Established Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch restrictions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>94/89</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2012</td> <td>● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>89</td> <td>GOA</td> <td>2010</td> <td>● Established GOA area closures to reduce tanner crab bycatch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>93/97</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2008</td> <td>● Established PSC limits for Chinook salmon in the GOA trawl pollock and non-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>95</td> <td>GOA</td> <td>2006</td> <td>● Reduced PSC limits for GOA halibut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>86/76</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2004</td> <td>● Restructured observer program to reduce statistical bias</td> </tr> <tr> <td>103</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2004</td> <td>● Prohibited Pacific cod fishing in Pribilof Islands Habitat Conservation Zone</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Regulatory amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual specifications for setting prohibited species limits</li> <li>● Revisions to MRAs</li> <li>● Revision to regulations for prohibited species donation program and fishmeal</li> </ul> <p><b>Other management actions related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upcoming discussion paper on BSAI crab bycatch</li> <li>● Council encourages research through annual research priorities</li> <li>● NMFS and observer program work on improving statistical methods for bycatch accounting (as part of National Bycatch Report initiative)</li> <li>● Development of a halibut management framework</li> </ul>	110	BSAI	2016	● Established Chinook and chum salmon PSC avoidance measures	111	BSAI	2016	● Reduced PSC limits for halibut	79	BSAI	2014	● Established groundfish retention standard	84/91	BSAI/GOA	2014	● Established Bering Sea Chinook salmon bycatch restrictions	94/89	BSAI/GOA	2012	● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries	89	GOA	2010	● Established GOA area closures to reduce tanner crab bycatch	93/97	BSAI/GOA	2008	● Established PSC limits for Chinook salmon in the GOA trawl pollock and non-	95	GOA	2006	● Reduced PSC limits for GOA halibut	86/76	BSAI/GOA	2004	● Restructured observer program to reduce statistical bias	103	BSAI/GOA	2004	● Prohibited Pacific cod fishing in Pribilof Islands Habitat Conservation Zone
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16. Encourage research programs to evaluate current population estimates for non-target species with a view to setting appropriate bycatch limits, as information becomes available.	Ongoing – Included in research priorities																																																					
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18. Continue to manage incidental catch and bycatch through seasonal distribution of total allowable catch and geographical gear restrictions.	Ongoing - Partially addressed in Council's Spatial Mgmt Policy																																																					
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21. Reduce waste to biologically and socially acceptable levels.	2010 - Kodiak Tanner crab closures																																																					
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<b>5. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals</b>	22. Continue to cooperate with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to protect ESA-listed species, and if appropriate and practicable, other seabird species.	2008 - Avoidance measures in area 4E 2015 - Re-consultation for short-tailed albatross													<p><b>FMP amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>107</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2014</td> <td>● Walrus protection and transit corridors around Round Island and Cape Pierce</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Regulatory amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revisions to seabird avoidance measures, including in Area 4E</li> <li>● Revisions to Steller sea lion closures for pollock and cod fisheries in the GOA</li> <li>● Revisions to Steller sea lion protection measures for Atka mackerel, Pacific cod, and pollock fisheries in the Aleutian Islands</li> <li>● Designation of critical habitat for Cook Inlet beluga whale</li> </ul> <p><b>Other management actions related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ESA consultations on fishery impacts on listed seabirds and marine mammals</li> <li>● Council receives protected species report at each meeting, monitoring issues with seabirds and marine mammals</li> <li>● Reconsideration of Steller sea lion closures in 2014 biological opinion and 2014 EIS</li> </ul>	107	BSAI	2014	● Walrus protection and transit corridors around Round Island and Cape Pierce																
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<b>6. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat</b>	26. Review and evaluate efficacy of existing habitat protection measures for managed species.	2012 - Council's EFH Consultation Policy 2014 - Partially addressed in crab bycatch limits disc. paper													<p><b>FMP amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>104</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2015</td> <td>● Designated skate nurseries in Bering Sea as HAPC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>98/90</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2012</td> <td>● Updated EFH information with findings from the 2010 EFH 5-year review</td> </tr> <tr> <td>94/89</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2010</td> <td>● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>89</td> <td>BSAI</td> <td>2008</td> <td>● Established Bering Sea Habitat Conservation area closures for non-pelagic trawling</td> </tr> <tr> <td>78/73 65/65</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2006</td> <td>● HAPC and EFH amendments, and associated fishery area closures in the GOA</td> </tr> </table>	104	BSAI	2015	● Designated skate nurseries in Bering Sea as HAPC	98/90	BSAI/GOA	2012	● Updated EFH information with findings from the 2010 EFH 5-year review	94/89	BSAI/GOA	2010	● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries	89	BSAI	2008	● Established Bering Sea Habitat Conservation area closures for non-pelagic trawling	78/73 65/65	BSAI/GOA	2006	● HAPC and EFH amendments, and associated fishery area closures in the GOA
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27. Identify and designate essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern pursuant to Magnuson-Stevens Act rules, and mitigate fishery impacts as necessary and practicable to continue the sustainability of managed species.	2007 - BS habitat closures 2007 - Included in research priorities 2008 - NBSRA established 2009 - BS flatfish trawl sweep mods required 2011 - EFH 5-year review and Omnibus Amds approved 2011 - HAPC cycle changed to 5 years 2011 - Discussion paper initiated 2012 - NBSRA plan halted 2013 - HAPC skate nurseries adopted 2014 - Crab bycatch limits discussion paper addresses BBRKC 2015 – Fishery overlap with Pribilof corals																																		
28. Develop a Marine Protected Area policy in coordination with national and state policies.	Ongoing - Actions are developed complementary to Federal MPA Center and AK																																		
29. Encourage development of a research program to identify regional baseline habitat information and mapping, subject to funding and staff availability.	Ongoing EFH 5-year reviews, including updates to fishing effects model and EFH descriptions Ongoing – (related) Extensive mapping program through NMFS Habitat Division																																		
30. Develop goals, objectives and criteria to evaluate the efficacy and suitable design of marine protected areas and no-take marine reserves as tools to maintain abundance, diversity, and productivity. Implement marine protected areas if and where appropriate.	Ongoing - Addressed in purpose and need for individual actions																																		



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<b>9. Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement (cont'd)</b>	42. Encourage a coordinated, long-term ecosystem monitoring program to collect baseline information and compile existing information from a variety of ongoing research initiatives, subject to funding and staff availability.	Ongoing – Research priorities											<p><b>FMP amendments related to this goal statement</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>114/104</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2017</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate electronic monitoring into the North Pacific Observer Program</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>112/102</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2016</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change observer coverage category exemptions for small catcher processors</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>86/76</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2012</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observer program restructuring</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>73/77</td> <td>BSAI/GOA</td> <td>2008</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove dark rockfish from FMP, allow management by State of Alaska</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Other management actions related to this goal statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual refinement of observer data through the deployment plan</li> <li>Ongoing work to improve Catch Accounting System</li> <li>Discussion paper on VMS use and requirements</li> <li>Electronic monitoring is being developed as a tool for catch monitoring. Pre-implementation program approved for 2016.</li> <li>Council encourages research through annual research priorities, cooperates with North Pacific Research Board</li> <li>Council initiated and participates in Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum, as well as maintaining other relationships with partner entities</li> </ul>	114/104	BSAI/GOA	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate electronic monitoring into the North Pacific Observer Program</li> </ul>	112/102	BSAI/GOA	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change observer coverage category exemptions for small catcher processors</li> </ul>	86/76	BSAI/GOA	2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observer program restructuring</li> </ul>	73/77	BSAI/GOA	2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove dark rockfish from FMP, allow management by State of Alaska</li> </ul>
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	2015 Sablefish pot allowance Ongoing – Development of EM options Ongoing – Enforcement precepts, Enforcement committee activitie																												
44. Promote enhanced enforceability.	Ongoing - The Council maintains long history of cooperative management with all involved agencies and entities. The Council recognizes and works to achieve the shared goals of its many partners in stewardship of Alaska’s fisheries and its supporting ecosystems. Besides those partners listed in Objective 45, the Council maintains effective working relationships with the North Pacific Fishery Commission, Arctic Council, Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Body, Bering Sea Elders, among others.																												
45. Continue to cooperate and coordinate management and enforcement programs with the Alaska Board of Fish, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement, International Pacific Halibut Commission, Federal agencies, and other organizations to meet conservation requirements; promote economically healthy and sustainable fisheries and fishing communities; and maximize efficiencies in management and enforcement programs through continued consultation, coordination, and cooperation.	Ongoing - Halibut Management Framework																												