

**Council Motion**  
**June 08, 2018**  
**Agenda Item C-4: Fixed gear CV rockfish retention - Initial review**

The Council recommends releasing the analysis for public review after making the following revisions to the purpose and need, alternatives, and analysis. The preliminary preferred alternative is shown in bold; new language underlined, and removed language in strikethrough.

Purpose and Need

*Fixed-gear CVs in the BSAI and GOA discard ~~much~~ **a proportion** of their incidental catch of rockfish (*Sebastes* and *Sebastes* spp.). The greatest amount of discarded rockfish occurs in the GOA hook-and-line fisheries. Requiring the full retention of rockfish ~~could benefit vessel operators by improving~~ **would improve** identification of species **catch composition** when CVs are subject to electronic monitoring, improve data collection by providing more accurate estimates of **total** catch, reduce incentives to discard rockfish, **may** reduce waste, reduce overall enforcement burden, **and provide more consistency in regulations.** ~~promote more consistent management between State of Alaska and Federal fisheries.~~*

Alternatives

Alternative 1. Status quo

**Alternative 2: Require full retention of rockfish species by all fixed gear CVs (hook-and-line, pot, and jig) in the BSAI and GOA.**

Alternative 3: Require full retention of rockfish species by hook-and-line CVs in the GOA.

**Option under Alternatives 2 and 3: Require full retention of rockfish even if the species is on prohibited species status but prohibit these retained rockfish from entering commerce.**

**Option under Alternatives 2 and 3: Establish a maximum commerce allowance (MCA) of 10% or 15%.**

The Council recommends that the analysis be revised to include the revisions suggested by staff and the SSC as practical.