C-4 AI Pacific cod Shoreside Processing Final Council motion October 9, 2015

The Council selected Alternative 2, with the following options, as its preferred alternative.

Alternative 2: Prior to (options: March 1, 15, 21) the A season trawl CV Pacific cod harvest in the Bering Sea shall be limited to an amount equal to the BSAI aggregate CV trawl sector A season allocation minus the lessor of the AI directed Pacific cod non-CDQ TAC or (options: 3,000 mt, 5,000 mt, 7,000 mt). Directed fishing for non-CDQ AI Pacific cod is prohibited for all vessels except CVs delivering to shoreplants west of 170° longitude in the AI prior to (options: March 1,7, 15), unless restrictions are removed earlier under Option 3 or 4 below. If the non-CDQ AI Pacific cod TAC is taken before these dates, the restriction on the trawl CV Pacific cod harvest in the Bering Sea is suspended for the remainder of the year at that time.

Option 1: Any amount of the AI <u>directed</u> Pacific cod non-CDQ TAC above the amount set aside from the trawl CV BSAI allocation may be available to any sector for directed fishing and is not subject to the regional delivery requirement.

Option 2: If less than 50% of the AI Pacific cod non-CDQ TAC has been landed shoreside by (options: February 28, March 7, 15), the restriction on the delivery to other processors and the restriction on the trawl CV sector allocation shall be removed.

Option 3: If less than 1,000 mt of the AI Pacific cod non-CDQ TAC has been landed shoreside at AI shoreplants by (options: February 21, 28) the restriction on delivery to other processors and the restriction on the trawl CV sector allocation shall be suspended for the remainder of the year.

Option 4: If prior to (options: <u>November 1</u>, <u>December 15</u>), neither the City of Adak nor the City of Atka have notified NMFS of the intent to process <u>non-CDQ directed AI</u> Pacific cod in the upcoming year, the Aleutian Islands shoreside delivery requirement <u>and restriction on the trawl CV sector allocation</u> is suspended for the upcoming year. Cities can voluntarily provide notice prior to the selected date if they do not intend to process.

Option 5: Any processor that has processed cod in the Aleutian Islands management area in at least 12 years between 2000 and 2014 shall be exempt from these restrictions for processing levels up to 2,000 mt.

Shoreplant is defined as a processing facility physically located on land.