

C3 GOA Specs

AP Motion 2

The AP recommends the Council adopt the proposed 2027 and 2028 Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish specifications for OFLs and ABCs, as recommended by the SSC and set TACs shown in Table 1. Final specifications will be approved in December 2026. The TACs for both GOA cod and pollock have been adjusted to account for the State water GHL fisheries. The proposed GOA Pacific cod adjustments are shown in Table 2. The AP recommends that the Council adopt the proposed 2027 and 2028 annual and seasonal Pacific halibut PSC limits and apportionments in the GOA as provided in Tables 9, 10, and 11 and the proposed 2027 and 2028 halibut discard mortality rates (DMRs) for the GOA in Table 12.

Motion passes 18-0

Rationale in Support of Motion

- *At this meeting the Council will recommend for proposed rulemaking the GOA groundfish harvest specifications for the upcoming two-year period (2027 and 2028) which will notify the public of expected Council action to set final harvest specifications in December 2026.*
- *Final harvest specifications in December 2026 will be based on stock assessment reports included in the Groundfish SAFE reports for the GOA that will be released in November 2026.*
- *The AP noted appreciation for the work of the survey teams, assessment authors, and plan team for all their hard work during the annual specification process, particularly after adjusting to the disruption in the process last year.*
- *The AP also noted that the comments made regarding data availability and assessments made under the BS motion apply to the GOA specification process as well.*