

Good Afternoon, Council Members,

My name is Andy Wilder. I am an Alaska resident and own the F/V Claire Oceana, based in Seward. We are a 58' cod vessel that has been participating in the under 60 Pot Cod fishery in both the A and B seasons since 2011. We have historically relied on cod in the B season when others were participating in other fisheries: trawl, fall pollock, halibut and sablefish. I am writing because I am worried that the LAPP program under consideration at the Council will very negatively impact the under 60 pot cod fleet. The executive summary of the current action would assign Pacific cod harvest shares based on the legal landings of targeted BSAI Pacific cod authorized by a valid ground fish LLP. I am asking that if the council adopts this action, that they keep the historical rollover percentage that has been harvested by the Under 60 and turn the percentage into an under 60 B season allocation that gets harvested in the fall when it was historically harvested. Please don't allocate harvest shares to the trawl fleet that were harvested by the under 60 fleet. Thanks, Andy Wilder