

D4 Council Motion
Pot Cod LAPP
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The Council requests staff prepare a discussion paper to further explore the following elements as they might relate to a potential BSAI pot ≥ 60 ft. catcher vessel and catcher processor LAPP.

- Cod allocations by harvest area (BS, AI or BSAI)
 - Concerns relating to timing or logistics of harvesting allocations,
 - How distribution of QS area endorsements across eligible LLP licenses may impact harvest opportunities.

- PSC allocations
 - Information on establishing PSC limits by species and area for the pot sector and how NMFS would manage the limits.
 - Additional information regarding intrinsic encounter rates of PSC or other significant bycatch species by area, season or week (month)
 - How PSC limit apportionments might affect other sectors

- IR/IU implications of extended seasons and any potential additional avenues to address those concerns

- Monitoring issues
 - Trade-offs between electronic monitoring and observer coverage
 - Additional information on what aspects of the program would inform decisions on the level of monitoring/coverage needed.
 - Monitoring costs

- Processing sector
 - Information describing the current state of the cod processing sector and recent consolidation
 - Consideration of allowing for additional mothershipping opportunities
 - How tendering might help or complicate a program if implemented.
 - Number of current active cod processors compared to 10-year average
 - Tools to recognize current processor participants that also allow for new entrants

- Additional information on active or inactive LLP license holders with only a BS or AI pot cod endorsement (entity type, location of owner, and recent transfers) for the years 2008-2023
 - CV LLP licenses
 - CP LLP licenses

- Description of opportunities provided for new entrants in other programs that might be applicable to a program like the one under consideration