

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
D1 Salmon Bycatch
December 14, 2022

The Council initiates action to modify chum salmon bycatch management measures in the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

The Council directs the Salmon Bycatch Committee to develop recommendations for potential regulatory and non-regulatory chum salmon bycatch management measures, including a cap. The committee should develop alternative management measures with focus on avoidance of Western Alaska chum salmon. The committee could recommend concepts or specific components of alternatives for metrics to evaluate bycatch performance, including management measures linked to abundance indices or other triggers and metrics to evaluate bycatch performance. The Council will review committee recommendations following two additional committee meetings.

The Council approves the terms of reference as modified by the committee. The Council supports staff providing the committee with information in response to items 1-8 of the itemized list of requests for the next committee meeting, to the extent possible. At its next meeting, the committee should review the information provided by staff and the State of Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force recommendations for Western Alaska salmon to inform its development of recommendations for management measures.