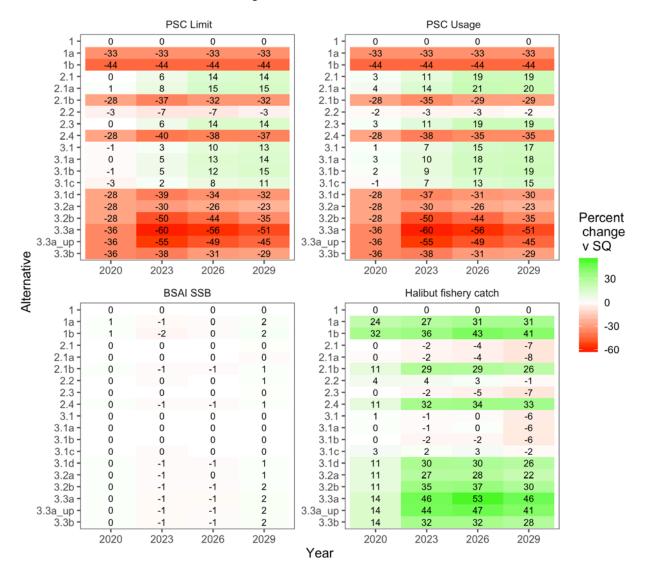
Table 2-1. Combination of alternatives included in analysis. Numbering for each alternative shows the Overarching Alternative (1,2,3) then secondary numbering to group sub-sets by similar elements and options (e.g., 201, 3-1). See Figure 2-8 for further explanation of selections of Elements and Options to formulate each alternative shown. Each index is standardized to the most recent year, unless "mean" is specified which implies it is standardized to the mean of the series from 1998 to the current year. "By gear" means that the trawl index is linked to the trawl fishery and likewise for non-trawl gear. **Elements (1-3) apply 20:80 ratio between non-trawl and trawl PSC to calculate gear-specific starting points (S.P. Element 1), Ceilings (Element 2) and floors (Element 3).** "Constraint" indicates how much a PSC limit can change from one year to the next (Element 6) while "type" indicates whether it is a continuous control rule with or without breakpoints or a 'Look up Table" from Element 7 and shown as "discrete".

| | | | | Elements | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Indices used | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| Alternative | Source | Primary | Secondary | Starting point | Ceiling | Floor | Break points | Responsiveness | Constraint | Type |
| 1 | Status quo | NA | NA | 3,515 | | | | | | |
| 2-1 | WG | By gear | NA | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | none | 1:1 | 15% max | Continuous |
| 2-1.a | WG | By gear | NA | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | none | 1:1 | none | Continuous |
| 2-1.b | SSC | By gear | NA | 1,958 | 4,426 | 1,758 | none | 1:1 | 15% max | Continuous |
| 2-2 | Stakeholder | By gear | NA | 3,515 | 4,426 | 2,354 | specified | Stairsteps | 2 yr avg | Continuous |
| 2-3 | Stakeholder | By gear | NA | 3,515 | 4,426 | 2,354 | none | 1:1 | 15% max | Continuous |
| 2-4 | Stakeholder | By gear | NA | 2,018 | 3,515 | 1,000 | Start | 1:1 (low) 0.5:1 (high) | 15% max | Continuous |
| 3-1 | WG | By gear | Other (mean) | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | ±25% | 1:1 | 15% max | Continuous |
| 3-1.a | WG | By gear | Other (mean) | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | ±25% | 1:1 | none | Continuous |
| 3-1.b | WG | By gear | Other (mean) | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | ±25% | 2 nd Index 0.5:1 (low),1.5:1 (high) | 15% max | Continuous |
| 3-1.c | WG | By gear | Other (mean) | 3,515 | 4,426 | 1,758 | ±25% | 1:1 | 15% max | Discrete |
| 3-1.d | SSC | By gear | Other (mean) | 1,958 | 4,426 | 1,758 | ±25% | 1:1 | 15% max_ | Continuous |
| 3-2.a | Stakeholder | Gear (mean) | Other (mean) | 2,941 | 4,124 | 1,758 | none | Interpolated | 15% max | Discrete |
| 3-2.b | WG | Gear (mean) | Other (mean) | 2,941 | 4,124 | 1,758 | none | 1:1 | 15% max | Discrete |
| 3-3a | Stakeholder | Setline | Trawl (mean) | 1,958 | 3,515 | 1,000 | S.P | Secondary 0.35:1 | 20% max | Continuous |
| 3-3a_update | Stakeholder | Setline | Trawl (2018) | 1,958 | 3,515 | 1,000 | S.P | Secondary 0.35:1 | 20% max | Continuous |
| 3-3b | WG | Trawl | Setline (mean) | 1,958 | 3,515 | 1,000 | S.P | Secondary 0.35:1 | 20% max | Continuous |

Table 6-1. Projected relative median values of PSC usage, Pacific halibut spawning biomass, and Pacific halibut directed fishery catch, and PSC limit as estimated from the simulation model. Values are expressed relative to status quo (Alternative 1 in row 1). Red shading indicates a lower relative value within each measure. Note that PSC Limit is identical (in relative terms) to PSC usage because it is in relative terms.



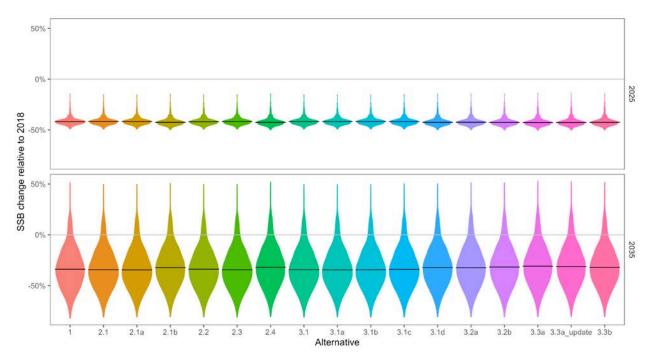


Figure 6-1. Comparison of changes in **Pacific halibut BSAI SSB** relative to the 2018 value by alternative (colors and x-axis within panels) and years (2025, top row and 2035, bottom row). Horizontal bars are median values from the simulations, the width of each region at each SSB value indicates the number of simulations for which SSB was estimated to be at that value.

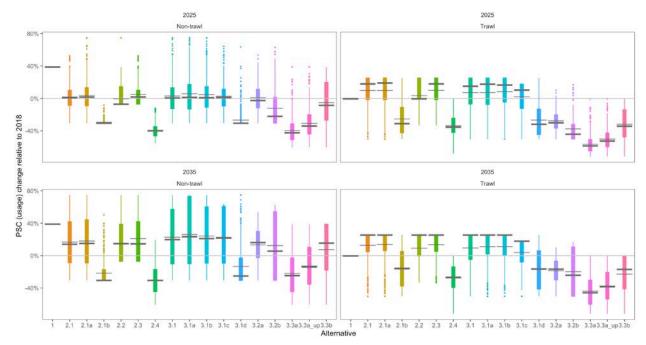


Figure 6-2. Comparison of changes in **Pacific halibut PSC usage** relative to the 2018 value by alternative (colors and x-axis within panels) by groundfish gear (columns) and years (2025, top row and 2035, bottom row). Thick and thin horizontal bars are median and mean values from the simulations, respectively.

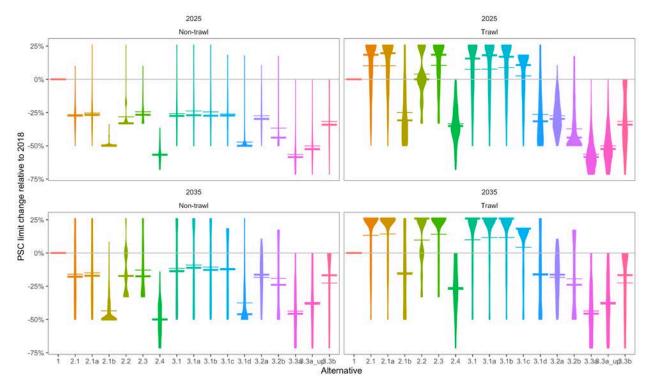


Figure 6-3. Comparison of changes in **Pacific halibut PSC limit** relative to the 2018 value by alternative (colors and x-axis within panels) by groundfish gear (columns) and years (2025, top row and 2035, bottom row). Thick and thin horizontal bars are median and mean values from the simulations, respectively. Note that the vertical scales differ from the previous figure

The impact of the alternatives on the directed Pacific halibut fishery catch varies only slightly among alternatives (relative to the 2018 catch) and each also has similar within-alternative variability which increases by 2035 (Figure 6-4). It is important to note that the difference between the presentation of results shown in Table 6-1 and that of Figure 6-1-Figure 6-4 is that the table shows values relative to Alternative 1 whereas the Figures are relative to 2018 values.

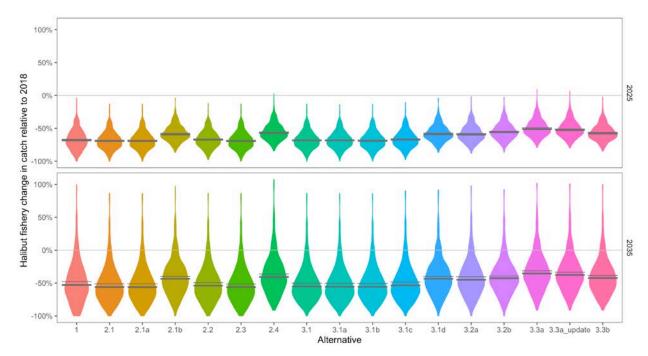


Figure 6-4. Comparison of changes in BSAI **Pacific halibut fishery catch** relative to the 2018 value by alternative (colors and x-axis within panels) by groundfish gear (columns) and years (2025, top row and 2035, bottom row). Thick and thin horizontal bars are median and mean values from the simulations.

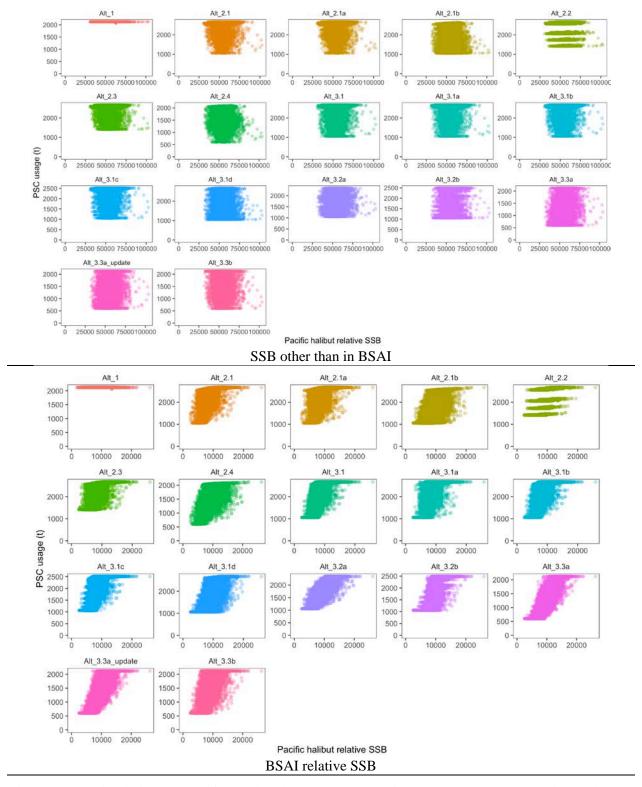


Figure 6-14. Simulation patterns for total project PSC usage (t) from 2019-2038 by alternative (colors and panels) relative to SSB (x-axis). The top set is for coast-wide SSB, bottom is for BSAI only.

Table 6-8 Comparison of sector allocation of Pacific halibut PSC limits (t) by alternative for median values of the projection simulations to 2024 (top section) and 2030 (bottom section)

| | | 7 | Γrawl | Non-trawl (NT) | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|
| | A80 | TLAS | CDQ | Trawl Total | Cod | Other | NT Total |
| PSC allocation % | 62.3% | 26.6% | 11.1% | 100% | 93.1% | 6.9% | 100% |
| Status quo limit | 1,745 | 745 | 315 | 2,805 | 661 | 49 | 710 |
| Avg. usage (2016-18) | 1,307 | 431 | 153 | 1,892 | | 163* | |
| 2024 | | | | Trawl | | | NT |
| | A80 | TLAS | CDQ | limit | Cod | Other | limit |
| Alternative 1 | 1,745 | 745 | 315 | 2,805 | 661 | 49 | 710 |
| Alternative 2.1 | 2,080 | 890 | 371 | 3,341 | 473 | 35 | 508 |
| Alternative 2.1a | 2,116 | 905 | 378 | 3,398 | 474 | 35 | 509 |
| Alternative 2.1b | 1,207 | 516 | 215 | 1,938 | 331 | 24 | 355 |
| Alternative 2.2 | 1,746 | 747 | 312 | 2,805 | 442 | 33 | 475 |
| Alternative 2.3 | 2,080 | 890 | 371 | 3,341 | 476 | 35 | 511 |
| Alternative 2.4 | 1,334 | 485 | 202 | 1,822 | 279 | 21 | 300 |
| Alternative 3.1 | 2,016 | 862 | 360 | 3,239 | 469 | 35 | 504 |
| Alternative 3.1a | 2,041 | 873 | 364 | 3,279 | 471 | 35 | 506 |
| Alternative 3.1b | 2,042 | 873 | 364 | 3,280 | 476 | 35 | 511 |
| Alternative 3.1c | 1,934 | 827 | 345 | 3,106 | 481 | 36 | 517 |
| Alternative 3.1d | 1,180 | 505 | 211 | 1,896 | 331 | 24 | 355 |
| Alternative 3.2a | 1,226 | 524 | 219 | 1,969 | 464 | 34 | 498 |
| Alternative 3.2b | 874 | 374 | 156 | 1,403 | 331 | 24 | 355 |
| Alternative 3.3a | 696 | 298 | 124 | 1,119 | 263 | 20 | 283 |
| Alternative 3.3a update | 803 | 343 | 143 | 1,289 | 303 | 22 | 326 |
| Alternative 3.3b | 1,131 | 484 | 202 | 1,816 | 427 | 32 | 459 |
| 2030 | | | | Trawl | | | NT |
| | A80 | TLAS | CDQ | limit | Cod | Other | limit |
| Alternative 1 | 1,745 | 745 | 315 | 2,805 | 661 | 49 | 710 |
| Alternative 2.1 | 2,097 | 897 | 374 | 3,367 | 530 | 39 | 570 |
| Alternative 2.1a | 2,160 | 924 | 385 | 3,469 | 537 | 40 | 577 |
| Alternative 2.1b | 1,251 | 535 | 223 | 2,009 | 331 | 24 | 355 |
| Alternative 2.2 | 1,746 | 747 | 312 | 2,805 | 547 | 41 | 587 |
| Alternative 2.3 | 2,096 | 897 | 374 | 3,367 | 530 | 39 | 570 |
| Alternative 2.4 | 1,153 | 493 | 206 | 1,852 | 323 | 24 | 347 |
| Alternative 3.1 | 2,078 | 888 | 371 | 3,337 | 531 | 39 | 570 |
| Alternative 3.1a | 2,135 | 913 | 381 | 3,430 | 541 | 40 | 581 |
| Alternative 3.1b | 2,096 | 896 | 374 | 3,366 | 538 | 40 | 578 |
| Alternative 3.1c | 2,067 | 884 | 369 | 3,319 | 531 | 39 | 571 |
| Alternative 3.1d | 1,235 | 528 | 220 | 1,984 | 331 | 24 | 355 |
| Alternative 3.2a | 1,344 | 575 | 240 | 2,158 | 509 | 38 | 546 |
| Alternative 3.2b | 1,128 | 483 | 201 | 1,812 | 437 | 32 | 469 |
| Alternative 3.3a | 864 | 370 | 154 | 1,388 | 327 | 24 | 351 |
| Alternative 3.3a update | 970 | 415 | 173 | 1,558 | 367 | 27 | 394 |
| Alternative 3.3b | 1,209 | 517 | 216 | 1,942 | 457 | 34 | 491 |

^{*} The 2016-2018 average usage for non-trawl includes both the HALCP and HALCV sectors. Figure 2-1 illustrates that halibut PSC for the non-trawl category is divided by target species (Pacific cod and 'all other targets'). Though not shown in this table, the non-trawl Pacific cod fishery PSC limit (status quo = 661 t) is further divided through harvest specifications between non-trawl CPs (status quo = 648 t) and non-trawl CVs (status quo = 13 t).

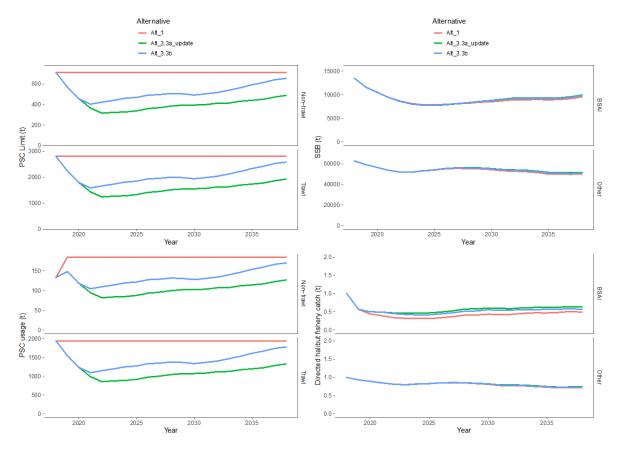


Figure 6-19. A comparison of projected PSC limits, usage, spawning biomass (SSB), and directed halibut fishery catch for Alternatives 3.3a and 3.3b.