
Program & Allocation Review Approach

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Introduction

- Given the MSA program review requirements and NOAA allocation review requirements, the Council workload for meeting these requirements are becoming increasingly challenging
- To address this workload challenge, staff has prepared an approach that will help better manage the workload challenge and still meet the MSA and NOAA requirements
- The paper includes:
 - Table 1 which provides current program and allocation review timeline
 - Summary of program review guidance
 - Development of dashboard metrics for allocation reviews and AKFINs role
 - Summary of approach to use program reviews to satisfy allocation review requirements
 - Formalizing the need for program review workplans
 - Table 2 which provides a revised program and allocation review timeline



Existing Program and Allocation Review Timeline

Allocation	Type of Review	Date Last Review ¹	Date of Next Scheduled Review ¹
American Fisheries Act (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	2017	2024
BSAI Crab Rationalization (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	2016	2023
Amendment 80 (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	2014	2022/2023
Halibut / Sablefish IFQ (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	2016	2023
Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	2017	2024
Aleutian Islands Pollock (LAPP) ²	Program/Allocation	2017	2024
BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl CV (LAPP)	Program/Allocation	Scheduled for 2024 Implementation	2029
GOA Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	Allocation	Am 83 was implemented in 2012	2023
BSAI Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	Allocation	2019	2029
Halibut Catch Sharing Plan	Allocation	2022	2032

¹Program reviews are 5yrs upon implementation of program and 7yrs thereafter while allocation reviews are every 10 yrs.

²Since there is currently no AI Pollock fishery, the AFA Program Review provides a summary of the initial allocation and any developments in the fishery.



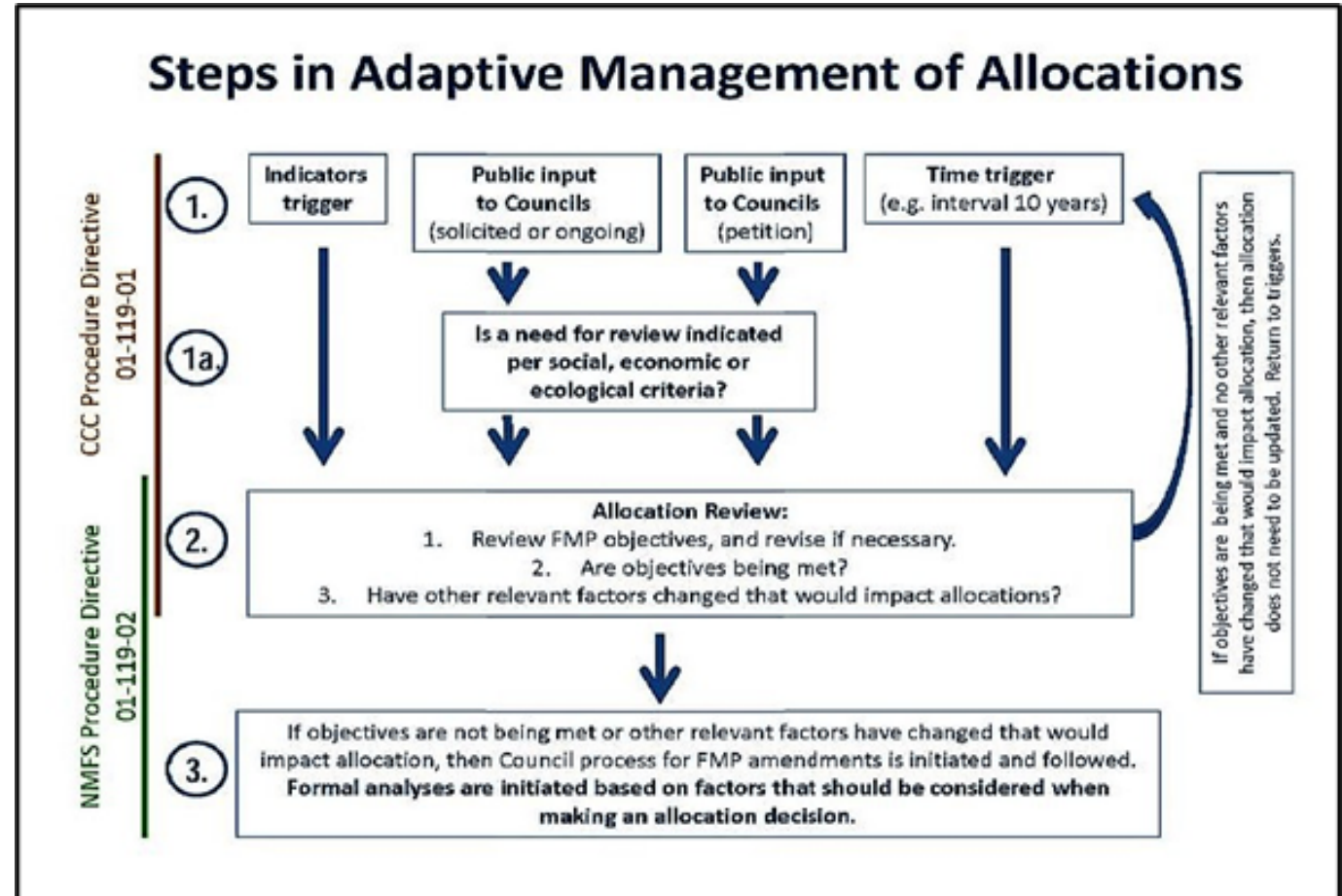
Program Review

- MSA Section 303A requires regular reporting and evaluation at 5 years after implementation and thereafter every 7 years to ensure the goals of the Program and MSA are being met
- Catch Share Policy 01-121-01 (2017) provides a comprehensive and targeted approach to conducting program reviews
- Guidance outlines general approach, scope, and use of standardized approaches
- The review should not be restricted to a specific length and should provide sufficient background info to understand the analysis contained in the review
- Workplans for program reviews should be included as part of the program review
 - SSC has made extensive comments concerning the importance of workplans
 - Provide transparency and allow the public to provide input during the planning stage



Allocation Review

- In 2016, NOAA issued Fisheries Allocation Policy Directive 01-119 which describes the mechanism for ensuring fisheries periodically reviewed
- Directive established three step process
 - We are focused on step two
 - Ensure transparency
 - Review of FMP objectives
 - A clear articulation of how the objectives are or are not being met
 - Clear rationale on relevant factors considered



Council's Approach to Allocation Reviews

- Since establishment of the allocation review triggers in 2017, the Council has completed 3 allocation reviews
- During review of the CGOA Rockfish Program/Allocation review, the SSC noted there are two approaches for addressing allocation review requirements
 - 1 – the scope of the allocation review is addressed within the program review
 - 2 – for allocation reviews that are stock specific TACs (BSAI & GOA Pacific cod for example), a separate allocation review would be needed
- As a tool for addressing stock specific allocation reviews, the Council has since narrowed in on dashboard metrics as primary methodology for these reviews
 - Since the development of the first dashboards (BSAI Pacific cod), AKFIN has since formally developed annual dashboards for BSAI Pacific cod allocation
 - AKFIN has offered to continue developing other stock specific allocations (the appendix has an example of an AKFIN developed BSAI yellowfin sole dashboard)



Proposed Program and Allocation Review Timetable

LAPP/Allocation	Type of review	Primary author	Council Action	Date of last review ¹	Next scheduled review ¹	Subsequent review
American Fisheries Act (LAPP)	Program ³	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	2017	2024	2031
BSAI Crab Rationalization (LAPP)	Program ³	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	2016	2023/2024	2030
Amendment 80 (LAPP)	Program ⁵	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	2014	2022/2023	2029
Halibut / Sablefish IFQ (LAPP)	Program ³	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	2016	2023/2024	2030
Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish (LAPP)	Program ³	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	2017	2024	2031
BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl CV (LAPP)	Program ⁴	Council staff	Review workplan and program review	Projected 2024 Implementation	2029	2039
GOA Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	Allocation	AKFIN	B Report – review report to the fleet	Am 83 was implemented in 2012	2023	2033
BSAI Pacific Cod Sector Allocation	Allocation	AKFIN	B Report – review report to the fleet	2019	2029	2039
Halibut Catch Sharing Plan	Allocation	AKFIN	B Report – review report to the fleet	2022	2032	2042
Amendment 80 YFS, AMCK, and POP Allocations ⁵	Allocation	AKFIN	B Report – review report to the fleet	2015	2025	2035
Aleutian Islands Pollock Allocation ²	Allocation	AKFIN	B Report – review report to the fleet	Currently no directed fishery, so NMFS has reallocated the projected unused amounts of the Aleut Corp.'s pollock directed fishing allowance from the AI subarea to the BS subarea.		

