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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:

FMP amendments correcting vessel length exemptions to the License Limitation Program
- Initial/Final Action

ESTIMATED TIME:

1 hour

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve housekeeping amendment to three FMPs

BACKGROUND:

All changes to a Fishery Management Plan (FMP), even minor typographical changes, require an FMP amendment that is approved by the Council. This analysis demonstrates the need for amending the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for the Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI), the FMP for the Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), and the FMP for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab in order to be consistent with the Council's initial intent of the license limitation program (LLP). This action would not require changes to any Federal regulations. The amendments under consideration would align the FMP text that establishes the vessel size standards for exempting small vessels from the LLP in the BSAI groundfish and king and Tanner crab fisheries, as well as GOA groundfish fisheries with the original intent of the programs, current operations in the fishery, and Federal regulations.