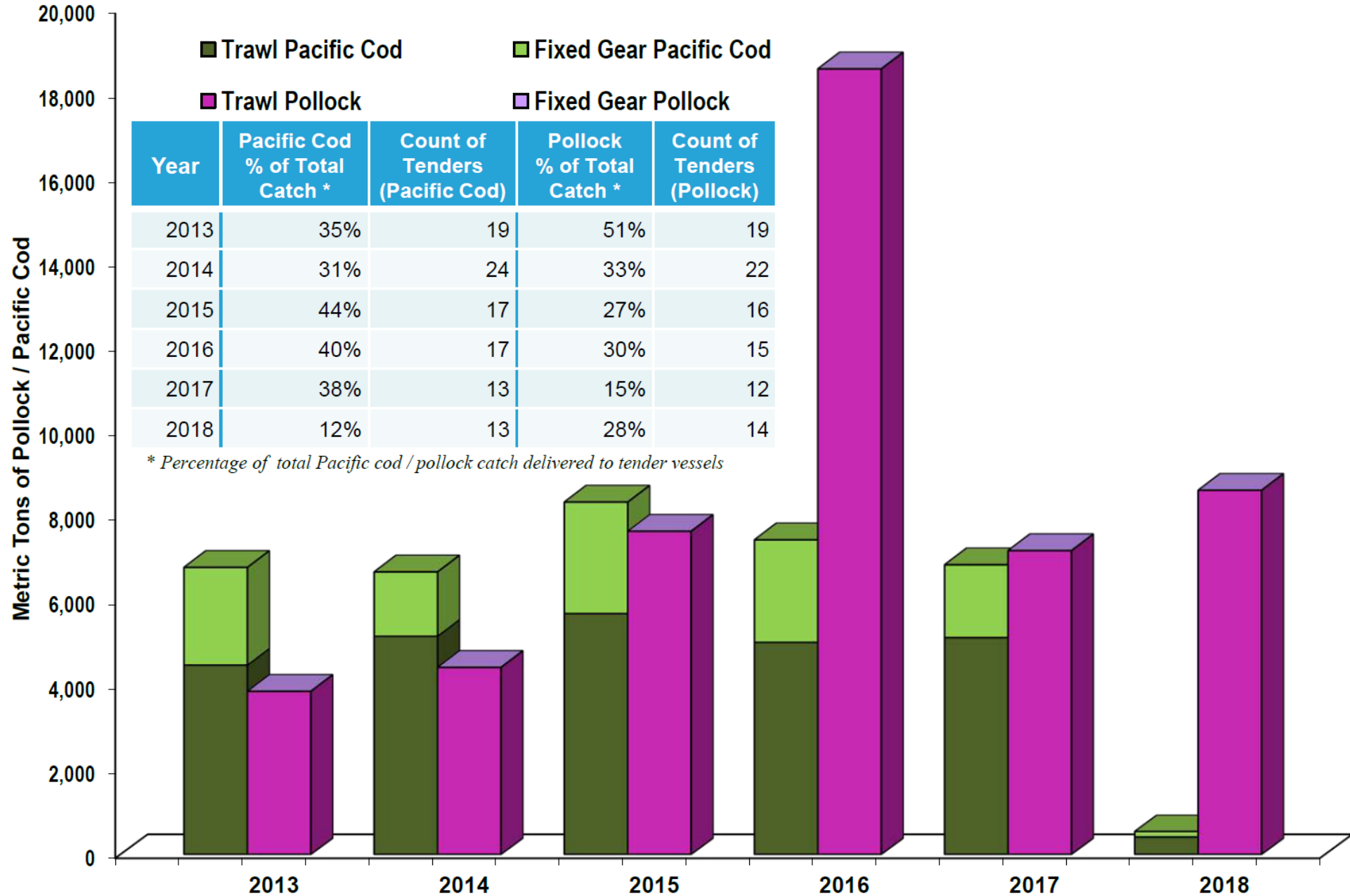
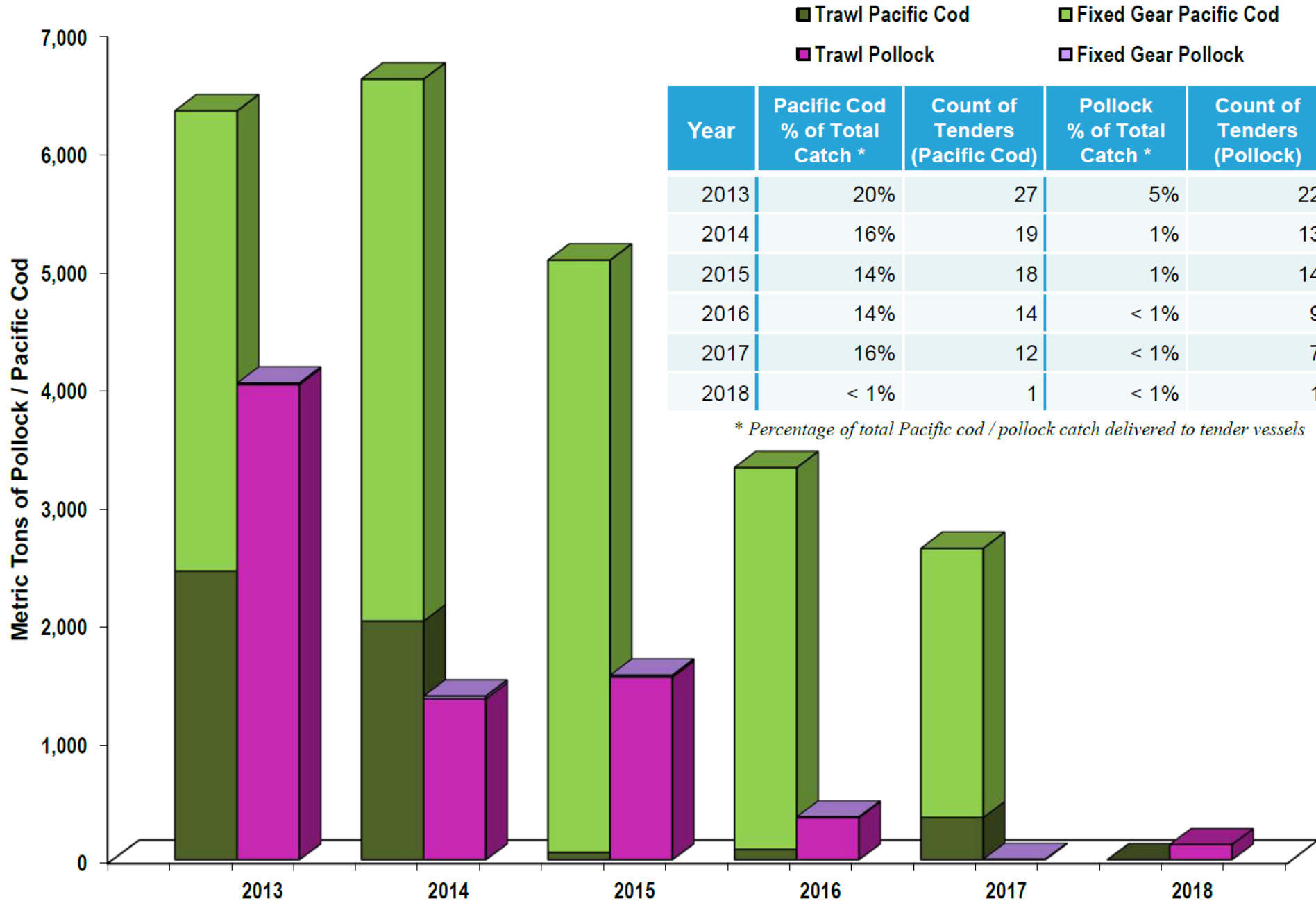


# Western GOA Tender Vessels Report



# Central GOA Tender Vessels Report



Issue	FMAC Recommended Solutions	Current Status
<p><b>Salmon bycatch monitoring in the GOA pollock trawl fishery</b></p> <p><i>Are we obtaining a count of the number of salmon caught as bycatch in each observed pollock delivery?</i></p> <p><i>Are we obtaining genetic samples from these fish to determine stock of origin?</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="529 239 1355 354">1. Develop an alternative program for gathering genetic samples</li> <li data-bbox="529 531 1482 839">2. Monitor all offloads at the plant, including tender offloads, and require vessels delivering to tenders to have EM onboard to ensure that no salmon are discarded at sea</li> </ol>	<p><i>Progress has been made by NMFS in 2018 to develop an appropriate sampling program that is specifically for vessels delivering to tenders.</i></p> <p><i>Project #13 on the Observer Analytical Tasks List. The Council re-focused the EM Committee to focus on trawl in April of 2018, and the Committee is preparing a Cooperative Research Plan for 2019, to be presented in December of 2018. Research projects address EM for compliance monitoring of full retention in pollock fisheries including tender vessels in the Western GOA, and EM to support alternate methods of dockside salmon accounting.</i></p>

## Issue

## FMAC Recommended Solutions

## Current Status

### Are we getting biased data from observed tender trips?

*Are observed tender trips identical to unobserved tender trips?*

*Are vessels delivering to tenders in order to avoid carrying an observer?*

1. Separate tender strata for each gear type (longline, pot, trawl)
2. Change the definition of a tender trip using one of the following:
  - a) Each delivery to a tender starts a new trip
  - b) Vessels may deliver no more than X number of deliveries during a tender trip without relogging into ODDS

Include evaluation of allowing observers to deploy from tenders
3. Changes to ODDS to reduce potential for gaming: when an observed trip is cancelled, the next trip *taken* is automatically observed, rather than the next trip *logged*

*In place in 2017 and 2018. First analysis of effectiveness will be in the 2017 Annual Report (due May 2019).*

*Project #14 on the Observer Analytical Tasks List. Staff have not yet been tasked to this project, pending completion of observer fee analysis. See further discussion in Section 3.1 of this paper.*

*Project #6 on the Observer Analytical Tasks List. Requires programming changes in ODDS. In June 2018, the Council supported formation of an Agency Subgroup to document how ODDS operates and identify alternatives for improvement. Changes could include improving the link between ODDS and eLandings, allowing vessels that also fish trawl gear to be placed in the EM selection pool, and changes to the trip cancellation and inherit process.*