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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Review Fishery Cooperative Reports

ESTIMATED TIME:
4 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review Fishery Cooperative Reports

BACKGROUND:

In the last decade or more, the Council has developed several cooperative programs as options in larger catch share programs. As part of those cooperative programs, cooperatives have provided annual written reports detailing the use of cooperative quota. These reports are intended to be a resource for the Council to track the effectiveness of the cooperative and their ability to meet the Council's goal for the programs. Additionally, they are a tool for the cooperatives to provide feedback on the programs to the Council. In general, cooperative reports are often presented by cooperative managers during the April meeting.

(a) Amendment 80 Co-op reports

Implemented in 2008, the Amendment 80 Program is a limited access privilege program (LAPP) that allocates a portion of total allowable catch (TAC) for Atka mackerel, Pacific ocean perch, and 3 flatfish species (yellowfin sole, rock sole, and flathead sole), along with an allocation of prohibited species catch (PSC) quota for halibut and crab, in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI), to the Amendment 80 sector.

Cooperative Name	Submitted Annual Report	Council Presentation
Alaska Seafood Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Jason Anderson)
Alaska Groundfish Cooperative	Yes	No

(b) CGOA Rockfish Co-op reports

In 2007, the Central GOA Pilot Rockfish Program was implemented. The program was intended to enhance resource conservation and improve economic efficiency for harvesters and processors who participated in the program. Allocations of the primary rockfish species (Pacific ocean perch, northern rockfish, and pelagic rockfish) and important incidental catch species (i.e., sablefish, Pacific cod, shortraker and roughey rockfish, and thornyhead rockfish) are divided between the catcher vessel sector and the catcher processor sector. In addition, each sector is allocated halibut PSC limits based on historic catch of halibut in the target rockfish fisheries. As part of reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 2007, the Pilot Program was extended until December 31, 2011. During that time, the Council completed action on Amendment 88 to the GOA Fishery Management Plan that revised the Rockfish Program and the amendment was implemented in 2012.

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ISA Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
North Pacific Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
OBSI Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
Star of Kodiak Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
Western Alaska Fisheries Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
Global Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
Pacific Rockfish Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Julie Bonney)
FCA Cooperative	Yes	No
Best Use Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Susan Robinson)

(c) AFA Co-op reports

In 1998, Congress established the American Fisheries Act specifically for the pollock fishery in the BSAI management area. Among other things, the AFA encouraged domestic enterprise in Alaskan fisheries and established provisions for the creation of fishery cooperatives in three sectors: at sea catcher processors, mothership, and inshore vessels. Cooperatives are given exclusive allocation of pollock based on their members' historical catch.

Cooperative Name	Submitted Annual Report	Council Presentation
Catcher Vessel Intercooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Unisea Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Westward Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Unalaska Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Akutan Catcher Vessel Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (John Gruver)
Mothership Fleet Cooperative	Yes	Yes (James Mize)
Pollock Conservation Cooperative & High Seas Catchers' Cooperative	Yes	Yes (Stephanie Madsen)