## **Council Motion**

## **February 6, 2019**

## C3 Fixed Gear CV Rockfish Retention

The Council recommends the following suite of alternatives. The preferred alternatives are shown in bold; new language underlined, and removed language in strikethrough.

## Alternatives

Alternative 1: Status quo

Alternative 2: Require full retention of rockfish species by all fixed gear CVs (hook-and-line, pot, and jig) in the BSAI and GOA.

Alternative 3: Require full retention of rockfish species by hook-and-line CVs in the GOA.

Option under Alternatives 2 and 3: Require full retention of rockfish even if the species is on prohibited species status but prohibit these retained rockfish from entering commerce.

Option under Alternatives 2 and 3: Establish a maximum commerce allowance (MCA) of 10%, or 20%.

<u>Suboption under Alternatives 2 and 3: Rockfish delivered above the MCA cannot enter commerce, with the exception of meal.</u>

The Council recommends that the analysis be revised to include the revisions suggested by staff and the AP as practical. Also further clarify how NMFS manages rockfish on prohibited species status and under an MCA.