

**C2 Fixed gear CV rockfish retention
April 4, 2019
Final Council Motion**

The Council adopts Alternative 2 as its preferred alternative, with the following elements and options as its preferred alternative. The preferred alternative is shown in bold; new language is underlined.

Alternative 1: No Action (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 1: Require full retention of rockfish even if the species is on prohibited species status but prohibit these retained rockfish from entering commerce.

Option 2: Establish a maximum commerce allowance (MCA) of 15%.

In all areas except Southeast Outside District, the MCA for yelloweye rockfish is 5% (within the 15% overall MCA).

Suboption: Rockfish landed above the MCA cannot enter commerce, with the exception of meal.

Current regulations for demersal shelf rockfish retention in Southeast Outside District of the GOA remain unchanged by this action.

The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c). The Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chairman to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.