

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members
FROM: Chris Oliver *Chris*
Executive Director
DATE: January 25, 2013
SUBJECT: Freezer longline GOA cod sideboards

ESTIMATED TIME 6 HOURS (All C-2 items)
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ACTION REQUIRED

Initial review of freezer longline GOA Pacific cod sideboards

BACKGROUND

At the June 2012 meeting, the Council reviewed a discussion paper on the impacts of removing GOA Pacific cod sideboard limits applicable to freezer longliners that were created under the crab rationalization program. When originally implemented, the sideboard limits created by the crab program were aggregated at the inshore and offshore level, and were shared by all gear types. As part of the GOA Pacific cod sector splits (Amendment 83) implemented in 2012, these Pacific cod sideboard limits were disaggregated to create sector limits, which essentially eliminated the sideboard fishery for those freezer longline vessels restricted by the limits. At the June meeting, the Council approved a problem statement and approved two alternatives for analysis. The initial review analysis was mailed out on January 25, 2013, and the executive summary is attached as (Item C-2(c)(1)).