

NPFMC Committees & Workgroups
(Revised October 1, 2010)

Council/Board of Fisheries Joint Protocol Committee

Updated: 8/10/07	<u>Council:</u> Dave Benson Ed Dersham Eric Olson	<u>Board:</u> Vince Webster John Jensen Mel Morris
Staff: Jane DiCosimo		

Council Coordination Committee

[Designated and renamed by Magnuson Act reauthorization April 2007]

Appointed: 4/05 Updated: 7/23/09	<u>CFMC:</u> C: Eugenio Pinerio ED: Miguel Rolon	<u>NPFMC:</u> C: Eric Olson ED: Chris Oliver
	<u>GMFMC:</u> C: Robert Shipp ED: Steve Bortone	<u>PFMC:</u> C: Dave Ortmann ED: Don McIsaac
	<u>MAFMC:</u> C: Richard Robins ED: Chris Moore	<u>SAFMC:</u> C: David Cupka ED: Bob Mahood
Staff: Chris Oliver	<u>NEFMC:</u> C: John Pappalardo ED: Paul Howard	<u>WPFMC:</u> C: Stephen Haleck ED: Kitty Simonds

Council Executive/Finance Committee

Updated: 8/10/07	Eric Olson (Chair) Jim Balsiger (NMFS) Alt. Sue Salvesson Dave Hanson (PSMFC) Denby Lloyd (ADFG) Alt. Cora Campbell Roy Hyder (ODFW) Bill Tweit (WDFW)
<u>Status:</u> Meet as necessary	
Staff: Chris Oliver/Dave Witherell/Gail Bendixen	

Bering Sea Crab Advisory Committee

Appointed 4/25/07	Sam Cotten (Chair)	Lenny Herzog
Revised 11/15/07	Jerry Bongen	Kevin Kaldestad
	Steve Branson	Frank Kelty
	Florence Colburn	John Moller
	Linda Freed	Rob Rogers
	Dave Hambleton	Simeon Swetozof
	Phil Hanson	Ernest Weiss
Staff: Mark Fina	Tim Henkel	

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BS/AI Pacific Cod Split Committee

Pending appointment
Staff: Nicole Kimball

Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch Workgroup

Appointed: 3/07 Staff: Diana Stram	Stephanie Madsen (Co-chair) Eric Olson (Co-chair) Becca Robbins Gisclair John Gruver Karl Haflinger	Jennifer Hooper Paul Peyton Mike Smith Vincent Webster (BOF)
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Comprehensive Economic Data Collection Committee

Appointed: 12/07 Updated: 2/9/09 Staff: Jeannie Heltzel	John Henderschedt (Chair) Bruce Berg Michael Catsi Dave Colpo Paula Cullenberg	Brett Reasor Glenn Reed Ed Richardson Mike Szymanski Gale Vick
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Crab Interim Action Committee
[Required under BSAI Crab FMP]

Jim Balsiger, NMFS Denby Lloyd, ADF&G Phil Anderson, WDF
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Ecosystem Committee

Updated: 10/22/07 <u>Status</u> : Active Staff: Diana Evans	Stephanie Madsen (Chair) Jim Ayers Dave Benton Doug DeMaster/Bill Karp Dave Fluharty John Iani Jon Kurland Caleb Pungowiyi
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Enforcement Committee

Updated: 7/03 Status: Active Staff: Jon McCracken	Roy Hyder (Chair) CAPT Mike Cerne, USCG Jon Streigel, AK F&W Protection Martin Loefflad, NMFS Stefanie Moreland, ADF&G Lisa Lindeman/Garland Walker, NOAA-GC Sherrie Meyers/Ken Hansen, NMFS-Enforcement Sue Salveson, NMFS
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Fur Seal Committee

Updated: 8/10/07 Status: Active Staff: Jeannie Heltzel	David Benson (Chair) Larry Cotter Aquilina Lestenkof Paul MacGregor Heather McCarty Anthony Mercurief
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GOA Groundfish Rationalization Community Committee

Appointed: 11/04 Staff: Nicole Kimball	Hazel Nelson (Chair) Julie Bonney Duncan Fields Chuck McCallum	Patrick Norman Joe Sullivan Chuck Totemoff Ernie Weiss
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Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee

Appointed: 1/06 Revised: 3/29/10 Status: Idle, pending direction Staff: Jane DiCosimo	Dave Hanson (Chair) Seth Bone Robert Candopoulos Ricky Gease John Goodhand Kathy Hansen Dan Hull Chuck McCallum	Larry McQuarrie Scott Meyer Stephanie Moreland Rex Murphy Peggy Parker Charles "Chaco" Pearman Greg Sutter
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IFQ Implementation Committee

Reconstituted: 7/31/03 Updated: 11/09 Staff: Jane DiCosimo	Dan Hull (Chair) Bob Alverson Rick Berns Julianne Curry Tim Henkel Don Iverson	Jeff Kauffman Don Lane Kris Norosz Paul Peyton Jeff Stephan Phil Wyman
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Non-Target Species Committee

Appointed: 7/03 Updated: 8/10/07 Staff: Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC/ Olav Ormseth, AFSC	Dave Benson (Chair) Julie Bonney John Gauvin Ken Goldman Karl Haflinger Michelle Ridgway	Janet Smoker Paul Spencer Lori Swanson Anne Vanderhoeven Jon Warrenchuk
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Observer Advisory Committee

Reconstituted: 6/09 Updated: 7/09 Status: Active Staff: Chris Oliver/ Nicole Kimball	Cora Campbell (co-Chair) Bill Tweit (co-Chair) Bob Alverson Christian Asay Jerry Bongen Julie Bonney Kenny Down Matt Hegge	Michael Lake Todd Loomis Paul MacGregor Tracey Mayhew Brent Paine Theresa Peterson Kathy Robinson Ann Vanderhoeven Richie Davis
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Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee

Appointed: 2/07 Staff: Diana Stram	Steve Minor (Chair) Keith Colburn Lance Farr Phil Hanson Kevin Kaldestad Garry Loncon Gary Painter	Rob Rogers Vic Sheibert Gary Stewart Tom Suryan Arni Thomson, Secretary (non-voting)
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Rural Outreach Committee

Appointed: 6/09 Staff: Nicole Kimball	Eric Olson (Chair) Paula Cullenberg Duncan Fields Jennifer Hooper Tom Okleasik Ole Olsen Pete Probasco
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Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee

Appointed: 2/01 Updated: 11/09 [formerly SSL RPA Committee; renamed February 2002] Staff: Jeannie Heltzel Advisor: Dan Hennen	Larry Cotter (Chair) Jerry Bongen Julie Bonney Kenny Down John Gauvin Pat Hardina Sue Hills Frank Kelty	Steve MacLean Stephanie Madsen Max Malavansky, Jr Gerry Merrigan Mel Morris Art Nelson Glenn Reed Beth Stewart
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VMS Committee

Appointed: 6/02 <u>Status</u> : Idle, pending direction Staff: Jane DiCosimo	Roy Hyder (Chair) Al Burch Guy Holt Ed Page LCDR Lisa Ragone Lori Swanson
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October 4, 2010 Anchorage, AK Captain Cook	December 6, 2010 Anchorage, AK Hilton Hotel	January 31, 2011 Seattle, WA Renaissance Hotel
<p>Joint Protocol Committee SSL BiOp/ Measures: <i>Review; Action as necessary</i> Research Priorities: <i>Finalize</i> GOA Rockfish Program Regulations: <i>Report; action as nec.</i></p> <p>Halibut Catch Sharing Plan: <i>Review Regulations</i></p> <p>Observer Program Restructuring: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>Economic Data Collection: <i>Review disc paper; action as nec.</i></p> <p>BSAI Chinook salmon bycatch EDR: <i>Review regulations/ forms</i></p> <p>Arrowtooth Flounder MRA: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>GOA Tanner Crab Bycatch: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>BSAI Crab SAFE/OFLs: <i>Review and Approve</i></p> <p>BSAI Crab ACLs/snow crab rebuilding: <i>Final Action</i> Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan: <i>Preliminary Review</i></p> <p>Scallop ACLs: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>Groundfish Specifications: <i>Receive Plan Team Reports</i> <i>Adopt Proposed Catch Limits</i></p> <p>HAPC: <i>Screen Proposals</i> Groundfish Workplan: <i>Annual review</i></p>	<p>GOA Rockfish Program Regulations: <i>Review (T)</i> BS&AI P.cod Split: <i>Discuss plan/action as necessary (T)</i></p> <p>P.cod Jig Fishery Management: <i>Discussion Paper (T)</i></p> <p>CQE area 3A D class purchase: <i>Initial Review</i> CQE in Area 4B: <i>Review Discussion paper</i> Area 4B D shares on C vessels: <i>Initial Review/Final Action</i></p> <p>Am 80 GRS Program Changes: <i>Initial Review</i></p> <p>BSAI Crab ROFR: <i>Initial Review</i> BSAI Crab Rationalization 5-year review: <i>Receive report</i> BSAI Crab Emergency Relief: <i>Initial Review / Final Action</i> AI P.cod Processing Sideboards: <i>Initial Review (T)</i></p> <p>GOA Halibut PSC Discussion Paper: <i>Review disc. Paper</i></p> <p>GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch: <i>Discussion paper</i></p> <p>BBRKC Spawning Area/fishing effects: <i>Discussion paper (T.)</i></p> <p>Salmon FMP: <i>Discussion paper</i></p> <p>Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan: <i>Initial Review</i> Sablefish Recruitment Factors: <i>Discussion Paper (T)</i></p> <p>Hagemeister Island: <i>Initial Review</i></p> <p>Groundfish Specifications: <i>PT reports; Approve SAFE report;</i> <i>Adopt Final Catch Limits</i></p> <p>EFH Amendment: <i>Initial Review (T)</i></p>	<p>Halibut/Sablefish Hired Skipper: <i>Initial Review (T)</i> CQE area 3A D class purchase: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>Four new CQE eligible communities: <i>Initial/Final Action(T)</i></p> <p>Am 80 Replacement Vessel Sideboards: <i>Discussion Paper (T)</i> Am 80 GRS Program Changes: <i>Final Action (T)</i></p> <p>BSAI Crab ROFR: <i>Final Action (T)</i></p> <p>AI P.cod Processing Sideboards: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch: <i>Preliminary Review (T)</i></p> <p>Pribilof BKC Rebuilding Plan: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>MPA Nomination Discussion Paper: <i>Review</i> Hagemeister Island: <i>Final Action</i></p> <p>HAPC: <i>Action as necessary</i> EFH Amendment: <i>Final Action (T)</i></p>

ACL - Annual Catch Limit
AI - Aleutian Islands
GOA - Gulf of Alaska
SSL - Steller Sea Lion
BKC - Bue King Crab
BOF - Board of Fisheries
FEP - Fishery Ecosystem Plan
CDQ - Community Development Quota
VMS - Vessel Monitoring System
EFP - Exempted Fishing Permit
BiOp - Biological Opinion
MRA - Maximum Retainable Allowance

PSC - Prohibited Species Catch
TAC - Total Allowable Catch
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
ROFR - Right of First Refusal
GHL - Guideline Harvest Level
EIS - Environmental Impact Statement
LLP - License Limitation Program
SAFE - Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation
MPA - Marine Protected Area
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern

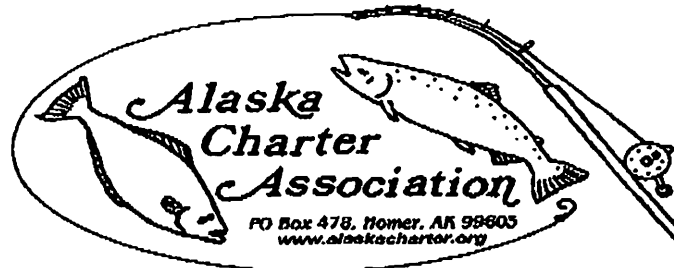
Future Meeting Dates and Locations
Oct 4-, 2010 in Anchorage (Captain Cook)
Dec 6- 2010 in Anchorage Hilton
January 31-February 8, 2011-Seattle
March 28-April 5, 2011-Anchorage
June 4-12, 2011 - Nome
September 26-, 2011 in Unalaska
Dec 5 - 2011 in Anchorage

(T) Tentatively scheduled

NPFMC/NMFS Action - updated 9/26/10

			Timeline												
			2010				2011								
Action	Status	Staffing	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	February	March	April	May	June			
Blue = Post Council Action, Rulemaking															
Halibut Catch sharing plan	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
Recent Crab Rationalization program changes	Preparation of analytical documents and rulemaking package	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
Litigation workload	Ongoing	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
BSAI skate amendment	Combined with ACL rulemaking	NMFS 100% Council 0%													
Groundfish ACL plan amendments	Final Rule	NMFS 100% Council 0%													
Am 80 lost vessel replacement	Final action in June	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
BSAI Chinook Salmon EDR	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 80% Council 20%													
GOA Rockfish Program	Review Regs in Dec	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
GOA Pcod Sector Split	Preparation of rulemaking package	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
GOA Fixed Gear recency	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel waters	Preparation of rulemaking package	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
12 month 20% halibut sablefish QS	Proposed and Final Rule	NMFS 90% Council 10%													
Remove inactive Halibut/Sablefish QS	Final Rule	NMFS 100% Council 0%													

AGENDA D-4(c)
 OCTOBER 2010



"To Preserve and Protect the Rights and Resources of Alaska's Sport Fishermen"

Eric Olson, Chairman
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
605 W 4th Avenue, Suite 306
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RE: Agenda Item D-4, Staff Tasking

September 28, 2010

Dear Chairman Olson,

The Alaska Charter Association (ACA) is a statewide organization representing over 150 charter and associated businesses. Its mission is to preserve and protect those fishing rights and resources necessary for the Alaska charter fleet to best serve the recreational fishery.

ACA is once again writing to discuss the issue of charter halibut permit (CHP) stacking and un-stacking. As you know, the final rule allows stacking and un-stacking of charter halibut permits, providing some flexibility in how a business chooses to serve charter vessel anglers. However, stacking becomes problematic when an operator is forced to stack permits with total angler endorsements in excess of vessel capacity. When this happens, the extra endorsements are unusable or "stranded". For example, in Area 2C, the minimum number of angler endorsements on a CHP is four, but most vessels are capable of carrying 6 anglers. In order to carry 6 passengers, a permit holder with endorsements for 4 or 5 anglers would have to stack a second permit (with a 4 endorsement minimum), stranding 2 or more endorsements. The permit holder could attempt to buy a permit with 6 endorsements and sell the original permit, but availability of permits is unknown and it may be difficult to sell a 4 pack permit if there is no way to increase capacity to 6 endorsements.

Another stacking issue arises when a large vessel carrying a single large CHP suffers a mechanical failure that necessitates transfer of passengers to more than one smaller vessel. For instance, suppose a vessel with a 24 endorsement CHP suffers an engine failure that takes it out of service for the remainder of the season. The operator of that vessel will need to move the business scheduled for this vessel to one or more vessels. Mechanical problems just plain happen. Hence the odds of one or more large capacity vessels suffering season-ending mechanical problems are quite high. The odds of finding another 24 passenger vessel or four six packs with permits and available seats are quite low. However, many vessels will likely be available without CHPs due to implementation of the halibut limited entry program. In this

situation, it would be desirable to be able to split a large permit into a series of smaller sub-permits and place the sub-permits on several of these smaller vessels.

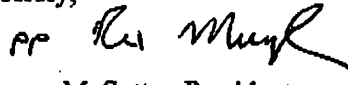
In the final rule, comment number 93 identified this issue and NMFS response includes the following passage:

“This rule does not provide for splitting permits as this would potentially multiply the number of permits initially allocated contrary to the intent of this rule.”¹

ACA notes that with the passage of the charter halibut limited entry program, the total number of angler endorsements was effectively capped at the same time the total number of permits was capped². *Splitting or stacking permits does not change the total number of angler endorsements; therefore the intent of the rule is in no way compromised by the addition of a provision allowing splitting of permits into sub-permits. In addition, any assertion that the intent of the program was to maintain the current composition of the fleet is easily countered by the fact that permit stacking and un-stacking is already allowed for larger boats.*

ACA hopes the Council agrees that the stranding of angler endorsements is an undesirable consequence of the stacking provisions built in to the charter halibut limited entry program. In addition ACA notes the practical need to be able to split large permits into smaller ones. ACA proposes the addition of a provision allowing the splitting of a permit into sub-permits in angler endorsement increments, and has included a problem statement and alternatives for the Council's consideration. ACA again asks the Council to task staff with a discussion paper on the topic of permit splitting at its earliest convenience. Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Gregory M. Sutter, President

Encl: Draft limited entry permit splitting problem statement and alternatives

¹ Federal Register /Vol. 75, No. 2 /Tuesday, January 5, 2010 p. 583

² The exception is CQE permits.

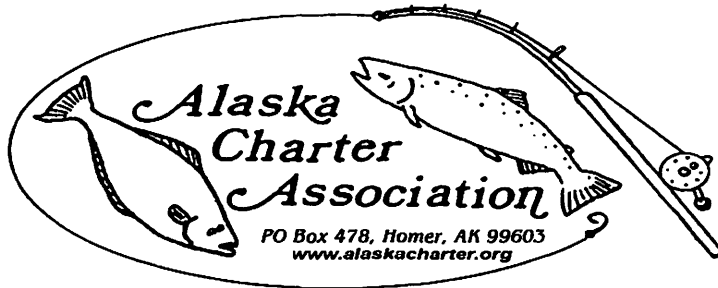
Problem Statement:

Charter halibut permits (CHPs) may be issued with angler endorsements that do not fully utilize the capacity of the boat they are used on. Stacking a second permit allows full utilization of boat capacity, but may result in stranded angler endorsements, where total angler endorsements exceed the capacity of the boat, because of the absence (per regulation) of permits with fewer than 4 angler endorsements. This is a likely scenario in the cases of UPVs that received angler endorsements for fewer than 6, and a possible scenario with larger boats. In addition, operators of large vessels may find the need to split a large CHP into smaller sub-permits in order to deal with mechanical problems or changes in business models.

Alternatives:

Alternative 1. Status quo. To remedy the situation above, a boat owner must either purchase a permit with the capacity he/she is seeking, or stack a permit. For an operator of a large boat desiring to transfer business to a series of smaller vessels, the smaller vessels would need to already have CHPs, which will likely be in short supply. Both cases can result in stranded seats and unnecessary expenditures.

Alternative 2. Allow a permit to be split into sub-permits, with the sum of angler endorsements for all sub-permits equaling the angler endorsement on the original permit. Each sub-permit inherits the transferability/non-transferability of its parent and may be stacked.



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September 15, 2010

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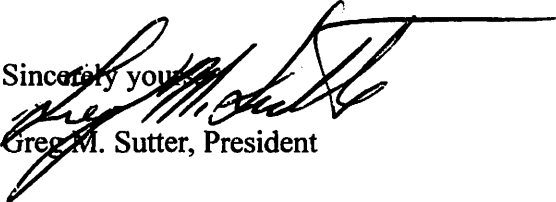
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Dear Chairman Olson,

The Alaska Charter Association (ACA) is a statewide organization representing over 150 charter and associated businesses. Its mission is to preserve and protect those fishing rights and resources necessary for the Alaska charter fleet to best serve the recreational fishery.

ACA asks the North Council to revisit the charter halibut allocations decided upon at the October 2008 meeting. Included with the problem statement are graphical comparisons of the GHL and CSP allocations. In both 2C and 3A, the CSP allocations are well below the GHL at all but the highest abundance levels. The Area 2C graph shows that the CSP allocation is less than the GHL by up to 250k pounds until a combined CEY of around 10 million pounds. For reference, the combined CEY in 2C for 2010 would be in the range of about 3 million pounds. The Area 3A graph shows that the CSP allocation is less than the GHL by up to a million pounds, until a combined fishery CEY of around 27 million pounds. For reference, the 3A combined fishery CEY would have been around 22 million pounds in 2010.

ACA believes that it was the Council's intent to set the CSP allocations at levels that floated with abundance and approximately matched the GHL. Reviewing the graphical comparisons of the GHL and the CSP allocation, it is clear that this is not the case. ACA respectfully asks the Council to reconsider its October 2008 motion and is including a problem statement and alternatives that adjust the CSP allocation to a range that much more closely approximates the GHL.

Sincerely yours,

Greg M. Sutter, President

Encl: CSP Allocation Problem Statement and Alternatives

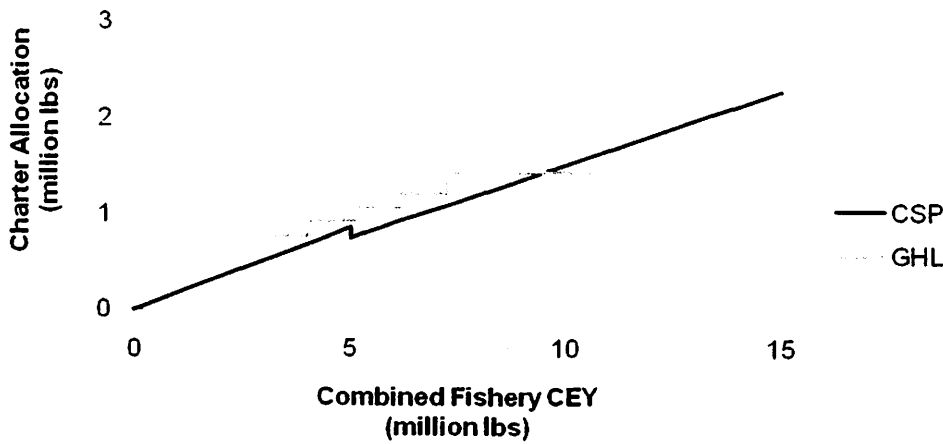
Problem Statement:

The guided recreational sector allocations chosen by the Council in its October 2008 Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) motion are well below the allocations under the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) that they replace at all but the highest combined fishery CEY levels.

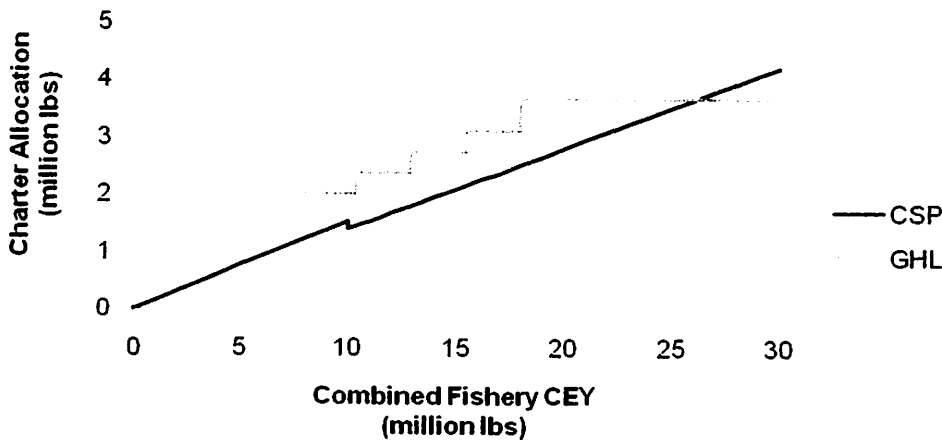
Alternatives:

Alternative 1. Status quo. 2008 CSP Motion compared to GHL

Area 2C: Comparison of Allocations under CSP and GHL

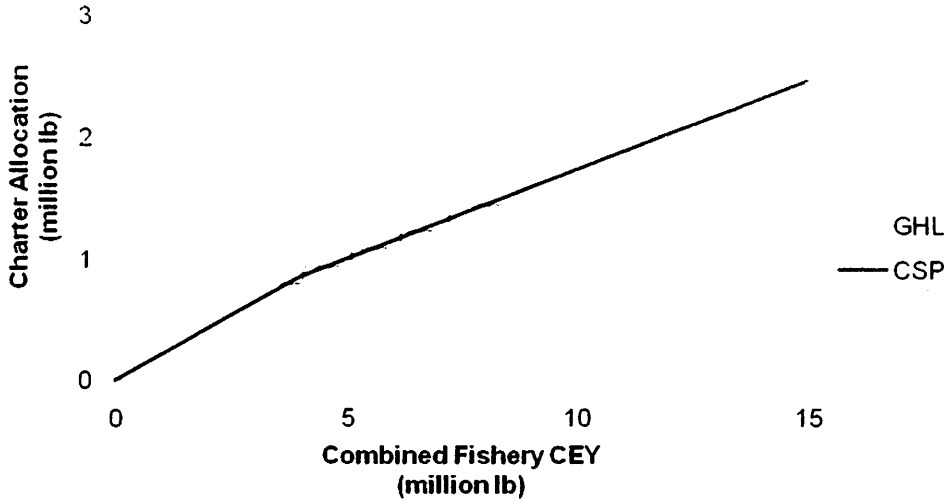


Area 3A: Comparison of Allocations under CSP and GHL



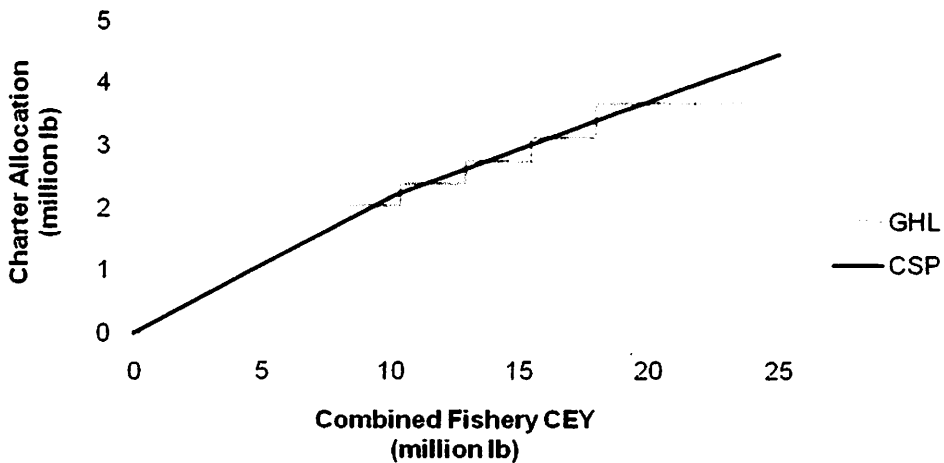
Alternative 2:

Alternative 2: 2C CSP



2C Allocation : Up to a CCL of 4.0 million pounds: 21.5% of the combined catch limit
 Over a CCL of 4.0 million pounds, 280 k pounds plus 14.5% of the CCL

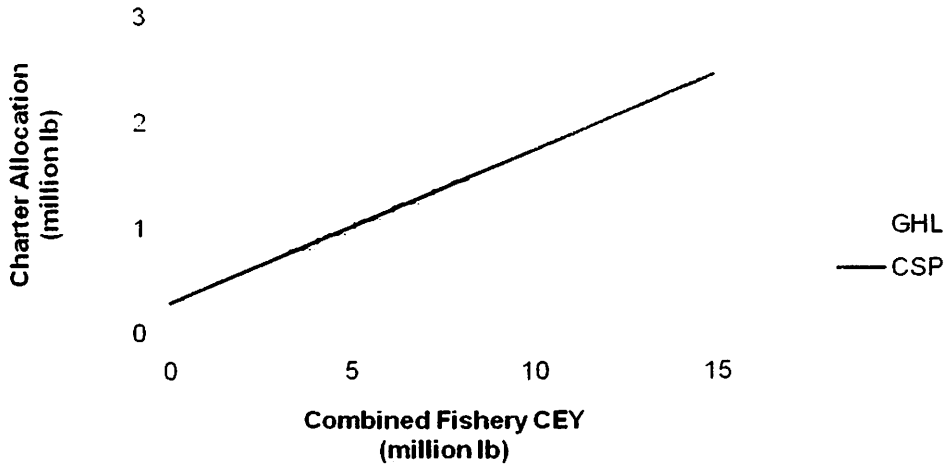
Alternative 2: 3A CSP



3A Allocation: Up to a CCL of 10.114 million pounds: 21.6% of CCL
 Over 10.114 million pounds: 658 k plus 15.2% of the CCL

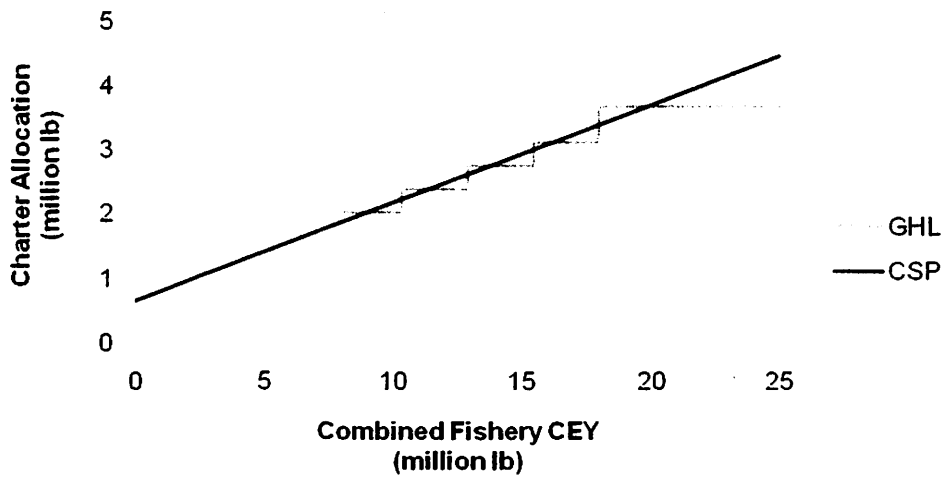
Alternative 3:

Alternative 3: 2C CSP



2C Allocation: 280 k pounds plus 14.5% of the CCL

Alternative 3: 3A CSP



3A Allocation: 658 k pounds plus 15.2% of the CCL