

**Proposed Amendment
to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Management Area**

Deletions are stricken and additions are in bold.

1. Updated Table of Contents

2. In the Executive Summary, Table ES-2, the description corresponding with the row labeled “Permit” is revised to read as follows:

- a. All vessels participating in the BSAI groundfish fisheries, ~~other than fixed gear sablefish,~~ **other than those exemptions listed in Section 3.3.1**, require a Federal groundfish license, ~~except for: vessels fishing in the State of Alaska waters; vessels less than 32’ LOA; and jig gear vessels less than 60’ LOA that meet specific effort restrictions.~~ Licenses are endorsed with area, gear, and vessel type and length designations. Fixed gear vessels engaged in directed fishing for Pacific cod, **and required to hold a Federal groundfish license**, must qualify for a Pacific cod endorsement.

3. In Section 3.2.4.1 titled “Observer Program,” the second sentence of the third paragraph is revised to read:

“Generally, catcher vessels and shoreside processors, when not participating in a catch share program with a transferrable PSC limit, comprise the <100% coverage category. Catcher processors and motherships, and catcher vessels when participating in a catch share program with a transferable PSC limit, generally comprise the ≥100% coverage category, with ~~some potential exceptions for some <60’ catcher processors~~, as detailed in the regulations.

4. In Section 3.3.1 titled “License Limitation Program” includes a list of three vessel categories that are exempt from Federal groundfish license requirements. The proposed amendment would add a fourth to this list as follows:

A Federal groundfish license is required for catcher vessels (including catcher/processors) participating in all BSAI groundfish fisheries, other than fixed gear sablefish. However, the following vessel categories are exempt from the license program requirements:

- b. vessel fishing in the state of Alaska (0-3 miles offshore);
- c. vessels less than 32 ft LOA; ~~or~~
- d. jig gear vessels less than 60 ft LOA using a maximum of 5 jig machines, one line per machine, and a maximum of 15 hooks per line; ~~or~~
- e. **catcher vessels greater than 32’ LOA but less than or equal to 46’ LOA that are directed fishing for Pacific cod with hook-and-line gear on behalf of the CDQ group.**

5. In Section 4.5.4 titled “Community Development Quota Program”, population estimates are revised to reflect the 2010 US Census:

The communities that are currently eligible to participate in the CDQ Program include 65 coastal Alaska villages, with a combined population estimated at roughly **27,700** ~~274,000~~ (U.S. Census, 2010). The CDQ-qualifying communities have organized themselves into six non-profit groups (with between 1 and 20 villages in each group). The CDQ-~~villages~~ **communities** are geographically dispersed, extending from Atka, on the Aleutian chain, along the Bering Sea coast, to the village of Wales, near the Arctic Circle. The current CDQ groups are listed below.

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA): The communities represented by APICDA are relatively small and located adjacent to the fishing grounds. Population of the six communities is approximately **1,300** ~~1,140~~.

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC): BBEDC represents villages distributed around the circumference of Bristol Bay, including Dillingham, the second-largest CDQ community with approximately **2,330** ~~2,470~~ residents and the location of BBEDC’s home office. Total population is approximately **5,420** ~~5,930~~.

Central Bering Sea Fisherman’s Association (CBSFA): CBSFA is unusual among CDQ groups in that it represents a single community, St. Paul in the Pribilof Islands, with a population of **480** ~~530~~.

Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF): CVRF manages the CDQ harvest for its member villages. The villages are located along the coast between the southern end of Kuskokwim Bay and Scammon Bay, including Nunivak Island. **CVRF represents 20 communities and have a combined population of approximately 8,570 residents**

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC): Approximately **8,730** ~~8,500~~ people make up the region represented by NSEDC, which ranges from St. Michael to Diomede.

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association (YDFDA): YDFDA represents the communities, Alakanuk, Emmonak, Grayling, Kotlik, Mountain Village, and Sheldon Point, containing approximately **3,210** ~~3,120~~ people.

6. Changes to references

United States Census Bureau/ American Factfinder (U.S. Census). 2010. “DP-1: Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010 Demographic Profile Data.” 2010 Census. Accessed on 8/19/2014 from <<http://factfinder2.census.gov>>.

7. Updated Appendix A Section A.1 with description of Amendment