

**D1 BSAI Pacific cod small boat access**  
**DRAFT Council motion**  
**June 15, 2021**

The Council adopts the following Purpose and Need and set of alternatives for Initial Review.

**Purpose and Need**

*Increased participation in the <60 ft hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel Pacific cod sector by higher-capacity vessels over 57 ft LOA has negatively impacted smaller vessels in the sector through shortened seasons. These shortened seasons limit smaller vessels' ability to compete within the sector as they are limited to fish in less productive waters near port due to their size. The jig sector allocation has not historically been fully utilized, particularly in the A and C seasons. Allowing these smaller catcher vessels using hook-and-line and pot gear to harvest Pacific cod from the jig sector allocation may provide additional opportunities for current fishery participants and potential new entrants with smaller catcher vessels without negatively impacting catcher vessels using jig gear.*

**Alternatives**

Alternative 1: Status quo

Alternative 2: Redefine the current BSAI Pacific cod jig sector to include HAL/pot CVs less than or equal to:

Option 1: 55 feet LOA.

Option 2: 56 feet LOA.

Suboption: B-season fishery would remain jig gear only fishery.