



## **D2 BSAI Pacific Cod Allocation Review**

June 2019 Council Meeting

### **Action Memo**

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Action Required: 

1. Review the BSAI cod allocation review
2. Determine if further action is warranted

### **BACKGROUND**

The Council is required to conduct a periodic review of Bering Sea and Aleutian Island (BSAI) Pacific cod allocations to ensure that the optimal yield (OY) is being achieved under current conditions. This allocation review provides an evaluation of the objectives of Amendment 85 and the appropriate groundfish FMP objectives, and discusses other relevant factors that may impact allocations, such as changes in BSAI Pacific cod management, species population, and the environment or ecosystem since implementation of Amendment 85. If the Council, utilizing all the information in the BSAI Pacific cod allocation review, determines that the objectives of Amendment 85 and the appropriate groundfish FMP objectives are still being met, then the allocation review is complete, and the 10-year time trigger for the BSAI Pacific cod allocation review is reset. If, however, the Council, utilizing the information from the allocation review, deems that the Amendment 85 objectives or the appropriate groundfish FMP objectives are no longer being met, or the Council is uncertain how changes in the other relevant factors may impact their objectives for BSAI cod sector allocation, then the Council could initiate a process to consider whether an FMP amendment to develop a new sector allocation and/or modify objectives as necessary, based on the guidance provided in the Fisheries Allocation Policy Directive.

Note that the allocation review was revised to include updated information, so the current version is dated May 22, 2019.