

Council motion – Staff tasking (D-2)
4/8/13

The Council requests a report on Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery, which includes the following:

1. A review of the status of Alaska Chinook salmon stocks, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fishery restrictions and whether escapement goals have been met.
2. A report of genetic stock identification (2011) along with stock-based adult-equivalency (AEQ), run reconstruction, and PSC harvest rate analyses for Chinook salmon stocks. The AEQ analysis should include an estimate of the impacts to each specific stock grouping of bycatch at the current cap levels (47,591 and 60,000) and actual bycatch levels in 2011 and 2012.
3. In order to evaluate fishing and bycatch performance under Amendment 91, the following items should be included from 2003 - 2013 (to date):
 - Numbers and rates of bycatch taken by month, by sector
 - Use of salmon excluders, by sector and season (or month if available)
 - Variability between bycatch rates per vessel within each sector (2011 – 2012),
 - consistency year-to-year in vessels ranking relatively high and relatively low in performance rankings