C-5 BSAI Halibut PSC limits
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The Council releases the document for public review, after incorporating SSC comments as practicable, with the following modifications to the alternatives.

Alternative 1  No action

Alternative 2  Amend the BSAI Groundfish FMP to revise halibut PSC limits as follows (more than one option can be selected).

   **Option 1**  Establish seasonal apportionment of halibut PSC in the BSAI trawl limited access sector.

   Option 2  Reduce halibut PSC limit for the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sector by:
   a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  or d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

   Option 3  Reduce halibut PSC limit for the Amendment 80 Sector by:

      **Suboption 1**  Reducing the halibut PSC limit to Am 80 cooperatives by:
      a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  or d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

      **Suboption 2**  Reducing the halibut PSC limit to the Amendment 80 limited access fishery by:
      a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent  or f) 60 percent

   Option 4  Reduce halibut PSC limit for Pacific cod hook and line catcher vessel sector by:
   a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  or d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

   Option 5  Reduce halibut PSC limit for Pacific cod hook and line catcher processor sector by:
   a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  or d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

   Option 6  Reduce the CDQ halibut PSQ limit by:
   a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  or d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

   **Option 7**  Reduce halibut PSC limit for other non-trawl (i.e., hook and line catcher vessels and catcher processors targeting anything except Pacific cod or sablefish) by:
   a) 10 percent  b) 20 percent  c) 30 percent  d) 35 percent  or e) 50 percent

   Alternative 3. Implement measures in the Amendment 80 sector to provide opportunities for deck sorting of halibut, or other handling practices that may provide an opportunity to reduce mortality of halibut that cannot be avoided.