ESTIMATED TIME

4 HOURS

ALL D-3 ITEMS

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council, SSC and AP Members

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FROM:

Chris Oliver

Executive Director

DATE:

September 24, 2010

SUBJECT:

Miscellaneous Issues

ACTION REQUIRED

(b) Review of regulations and forms – BSAI Chinook Bycatch Economic Data Reporting.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2009, the Council took action to establish a data collection program intended to provide information to discern the effectiveness of measures included in Amendment 91 in reducing Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC). The purpose and need statement that the Council used for defining its action and the motion identifying its preferred alternative are attached (see <u>Item D-3(b)(1)</u>). The program establishes the following data collection requirements:

- 1) Annual reports of Incentive Plan Agreements and cooperatives include a summary of the initial distribution of Chinook salmon PSC and pollock harvest privileges and inseason transfers of those privileges.
- 2) Any parties to transactions for Chinook Salmon PSC that include the payment of money report the amount of PSC and monetary compensation.
- Vessel operators report via logbook any time a vessel is moved primarily to avoid Chinook PSC.
- 4) Annual reporting of hourly fuel burned fishing and transiting and annual fuel purchases in cost and gallons for each vessel in the fishery.

As a part of its motion, the Council requested to review the implementing regulations. Those regulations are attached (see Item D-3(b)(2)).

In addition, the Council requested to review any forms used to collect information under the action. The proposed forms are attached (see <u>Item D-3(b)(3)</u>). These forms were revised slightly from those included in the Council analysis in response to comments from industry received during a workshop in July.