

To: Council Members

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Executive Director



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Subj: Bycatch teleconference

On October 30, Steve Pennoyer presented to the Council's Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee a revised 1991 bycatch management incentive program to replace the vessel penalty box program submitted to Secretarial review in amendment 16/21. The Committee recommended several changes, and as it now stands, the program would track bycatch rates against a seasonal standard for:

1. BSAI red king crab in the yellowfin sole, rock sole, and other flatfish fisheries.
2. BSAI halibut in the Pacific cod fisheries.
3. GOA halibut in the Pacific cod and bottom rockfish fisheries (all rockfish categories except pelagic rockfish).

Debriefed and verified observer data would be used to assign vessels weekly to the designated fisheries and to compare their performance to the standard. If the vessel's monthly performance exceeds the standard, the vessel could be penalized up to \$100,000 for each week it exceeded the standard during the month in question. The most flagrant violators would be given priority treatment.

The Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee recommended that the Council teleconference to consider tentative approval of the revised program so it can be forwarded quickly to the Secretary. At the December Council meeting there will be opportunity for public comment and further Council consideration.

I've contacted most of you and Thursday, November 15, at 1 p.m. Alaska time seems acceptable for the teleconference. Here's where I will plan to reach you for the teleconference:

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Later today or on Monday, I'll send you the NMFS proposal. On November 13, the Region will overnight express to you proposed regulations and the supporting analysis. Next week I'll be at a Navy exercise in sunny Adak (much, much better than Iraq!), so please contact Judy Willoughby if you need a change in the above arrangements.