

**Alternatives:**

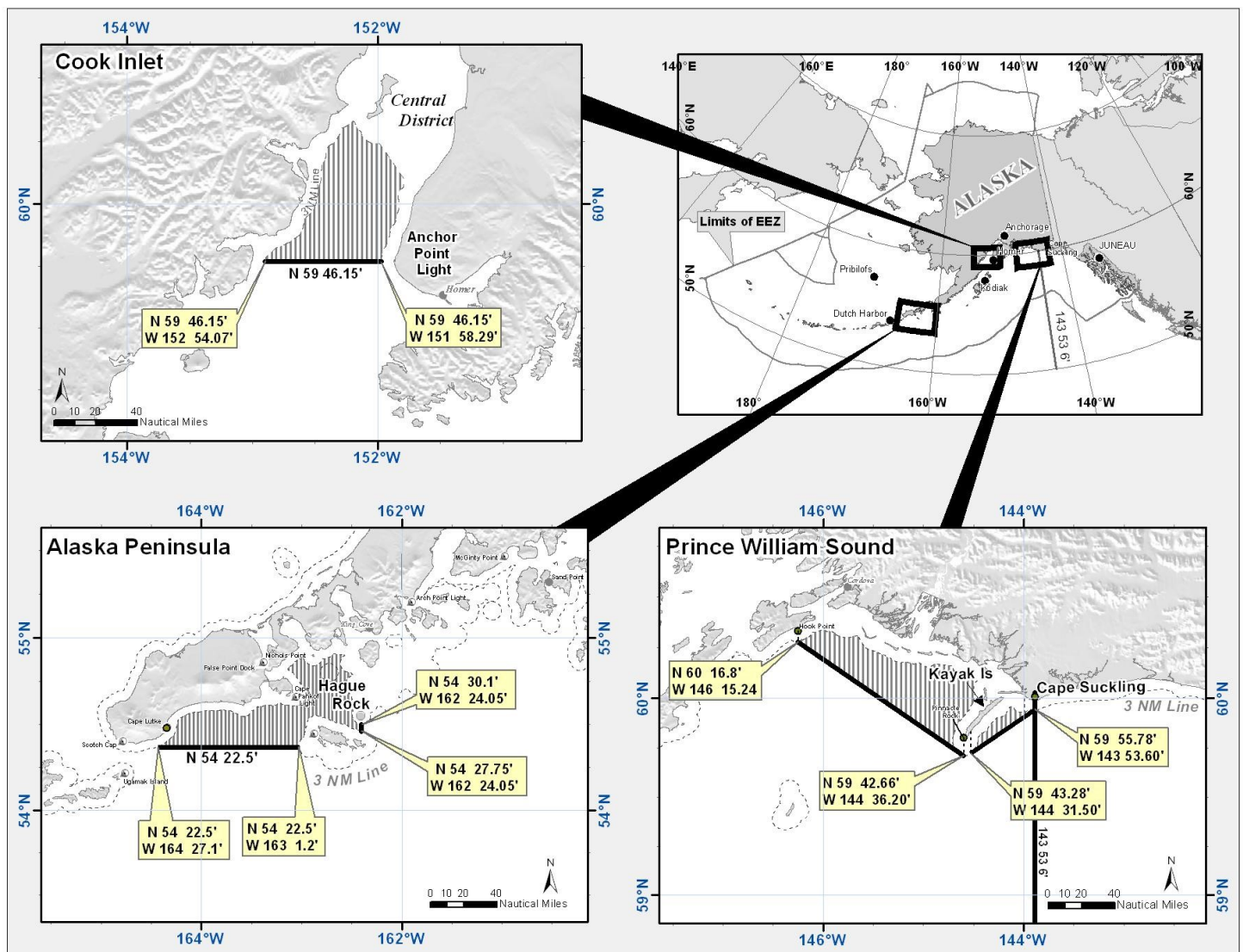
**Alternative 1: No Action**

**Alternative 2: Cooperative management with the State**

**Alternative 3: Federal management**

**FMP measures to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements:**

- Management policy and objectives (Section 2.3)
- Conservation and management measures (Section 2.4)
- Status determination criteria (Section 2.5 and 2.7)
- Annual catch limits and accountability measures (Section 2.6)
- Methods to report bycatch and measures to minimize bycatch and the mortality of unavoidable bycatch (Section 2.9 and Section 2.10),
- The salmon plan team or other process for annually determining status of the stocks and providing stock (2.8)
- The process for review and appeal of State management measures applicable under the FMP (Section 2.11)
- Assessment and fishery evaluation information (Chapters 3 and 4)



Summary of Table ES-Error! No text of specified style in document.-1 Magnuson-Stevens Act § 303 Contents of Fishery Management Plans and considerations and options to include required provisions in FMP for Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and South Alaska Peninsula

Summary of MSA § 303 Contents of Fishery Management Plans (a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS	Potential Options under Alternative 2: Cooperative Management with the State of Alaska	Potential Options under Alternative 3: Federal Management
(1) <i>contain the conservation and management measures</i>	Section 2.4.2 contains procedures for delegating management to the State and two categories of management measures; Category 1 - Federal Category 2 - State Conservation and management measures delegated to the State are in section 2.4.3.	Conservation and management measures are developed under the options in Chapter <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>
(2) <i>contain a description of the fishery</i>	Provided in the Fishery Impact Statement. (See Chapter 4)	Not developed. Would be based on the Fishery Impact Statement in Chapter 4 but modified to reflect changes to the fishery under Federal management.
(3) <i>assess and specify the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield</i>	MSY and OY are developed for the salmon stocks with escapement goals (See section 2.7).	Not developed. Would be based on the status determination criteria developed for Alternative 3.
(5) <i>specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, charter fishing, and fish processing in the fishery</i>	ADF&G Annual Management Report	SAFE Report prepared by the Salmon Plan Team
(6) <i>consider and provide for temporary adjustments regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery</i>	Temporary adjustments are inseason management actions delegated to the State under Category 2. (See section 2.4.2)	TBD
(7) <i>describe and identify essential fish habitat</i>	Proposed Amendment 13	
(8) <i>assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan</i>	ADF&G Annual Management Report and other ADF&G reports	SAFE Report prepared by the Salmon Plan Team
(9) <i>include a fishery impact statement</i>	Provided in the Fishery Impact Statement. (See Chapter 4)	Not developed. Would be based on the Fishery Impact Statement but modified to reflect changes to the fishery under Federal management.

Summary of MSA § 303 Contents of Fishery Management Plans (a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS	Potential Options under Alternative 2: Cooperative Management with the State of Alaska	Potential Options under Alternative 3: Federal Management
(10) <i>specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished</i>	<p>Criteria are developed for three tiers of salmon stocks:</p> <p><i>Tier 1: Salmon stocks with escapement goals and stock-specific catches.</i></p> <p><i>Tier 2: Salmon stocks managed as a complex.</i></p> <p><i>Tier 3: Salmon stocks with no reliable estimates of escapement.</i></p> <p>(See section 2.5.2).</p> <p>Use same annual process as used in the East Area.</p>	<p>Criteria are developed for the salmon stocks with escapement goals (See section <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>) Two options:</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> - Specify salmon status determination criteria and a harvest limit in Federal waters of Cook Inlet through the Council’s review process that includes recommendations of OFL/ABC by a Salmon Plan Team, and subsequent approval by the SSC/Council.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - Prohibit salmon harvest in Federal waters of Cook Inlet.</p>
(11) <i>establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable (A) minimize bycatch; and (B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided</i>	<p><b>Option 1</b>- Full Retention of groundfish</p> <p><b>Option 2</b>- Prohibit groundfish retention.</p> <p><i>Reporting methods:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VMS</li> <li>• Paper logbook</li> <li>• Electronic logbook</li> <li>• Electronic monitoring</li> <li>• Observers</li> <li>• eLandings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Option 1</b>- Full Retention of groundfish</p> <p><b>Option 2</b>- Prohibit groundfish retention.</p> <p><i>Reporting methods:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VMS</li> <li>• Paper logbook</li> <li>• Electronic logbook</li> <li>• Electronic monitoring</li> <li>• Observers</li> <li>• eLandings</li> </ul>
(12) <i>assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing</i>	Work with the ADF&G to compile this information for the FMP.	
(13) <i>include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery</i>	<p>Provided in the Fishery Impact Statement.</p> <p>(See Chapter 4)</p>	<p>Not developed. Would be based on the Fishery Impact Statement but modified to reflect changes to the fishery under Federal management.</p>
(14) <i>to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery</i>	<p>If a stock or stock complex is declared overfished or if overfishing is occurring, the State of Alaska would propose rebuilding measures sufficient to comply with Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements.</p>	<p>TBD. This would require allocating between the EEZ harvest and state waters harvest.</p>
(15) <i>establish a mechanism for specifying annual catch limits in the plan and measures to ensure accountability</i>	<p>Two options for ACLs for the salmon stocks caught in the three traditional net fishing areas.</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> - the alternative approach for ACLs that is also used in the East Area.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - establish an ABC and ACL similar to the process used for salmon in the NMFS West Coast Region.</p> <p>(See section <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>)</p>	<p>Two options for ACLs for the salmon stocks caught in the three traditional net fishing areas.</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> - preseason ACL estimates and postseason ACL values.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - preseason forecasted run size and postseason values and species-specific 3-year geometric mean proportion of the species-specific UCI harvest occurring within Federal waters</p> <p>(See section <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b>)</p>

