

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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C4 BSAI Pacific Cod Trawl Catch Vessel LAPP – Public Review

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Action Memo

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Action Required: Consider designating a preferred alternative

BACKGROUND

The Council will receive the public review analysis for a Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Pacific cod trawl catcher vessel (CV) limited access program (LAPP). The proposed program considers allocations of quota shares (QS) to groundfish LLP licenses based on the harvest of targeted BSAI Pacific cod during the qualifying years. The action also considers allocating harvest shares to a processor permit based on processing history of BSAI Pacific cod during the qualifying years. This would yield an exclusive harvest privilege allocation for use in a BSAI trawl CV Pacific cod catch share program cooperatives.

The public review draft responds to the Council's purpose of this action which is to improve the prosecution of the fishery with the intent of promoting safety and stability in the harvesting and processing sectors, increasing the value of the fishery, providing for the sustained participation of fishery dependent communities, and ensuring the sustainability and viability of the resource. The public review document was made available to the Council and the public in early September 2021.