

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

News and Notes



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BSAI Crab Rationalization

At its February 2004 meeting, the Council conducted its initial review of the Environmental Impact Statement for rationalization of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab fisheries. After review, the Council directed staff to consider comments of the Scientific and Statistical Committee in preparing the final draft of the EIS and recommended the public release of the EIS by staff. Staff expects the document to be released during the second week of March. The release will be noticed in the Federal Register and on the Council website. To request a copy please fill out the form at www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/eis/orderform.htm

A public comment period of between 45 and 60 days will follow the release of the EIS. During that period, the public may submit written comments on the EIS. The Council intends to schedule crab rationalization for consideration of public comments and final action at its June 2004 meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The Council also directed staff to prepare an analysis for delivery to the Council 18 months after fishing begins under the program. The analysis is to examine the effects of the 90/10 A share/B share split and the binding arbitration program on the distribution of benefits between harvesters and processors. After receiving the analysis, the Council will consider whether the A share/B share split and the arbitration program are having their intended effects and, if not, whether some other A share/B share split is appropriate.

The Council also requested NOAA GC to clarify the scope of the confidentiality exemption of 801(j)(8) of the legislation authorizing the rationalization program. The Council directed staff to revise the analysis, to the extent permitted by the confidentiality exemption, to show the implications of the processing allocations relative to community protection measures under the program. Staff contact is Mark Fina.

GOA Groundfish Rationalization

The Council received three reports concerning the rationalization of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. Ed Dersham (the chair of the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries) updated the Council on progress by the State Gulf of Alaska groundfish committee that is developing options for the coordination of State water fisheries with the rationalized federal fisheries.

The Council also received a discussion paper from staff concerning the alternatives for rationalization of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. Relying on the discussion paper and public testimony, the Council continued the process of refining its rationalization alternatives. As a part of this process, the Council identified for analysis, elements and options for the allocation of harvest shares to processors under Alternative 2C.

The Council also received a discussion paper from staff concerning salmon and crab PSC bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries. The Council elected to include elements and options for a program to manage salmon and crab bycatch in the Gulf rationalization program. Under section 2.2.10 of the Council motion on GOA groundfish rationalization, the Council moved to task staff to fully develop the GOA salmon and crab bycatch reduction measures as proposed within the February 2004 staff discussion paper. The Council also added an alternative for other king crab bycatch measures in addition to those alternatives as listed for red king crab, Tanner crab, Chinook salmon and other salmon. The Council further requested ADF&G to assist staff in developing appropriate trigger limits and closure areas that apply to each of the bycatch reduction alternatives for crab and salmon. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

A complete copy of the Council's motion concerning alternatives, elements, and options for the rationalization of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries is available at the Council's website. Gulf groundfish rationalization on the Council's April agenda will be limited to discussion of the state water issues. Staff contact is Mark Fina.

Alaska Groundfish Programmatic SEIS

The Council received a progress report on the PSEIS. Comments have been received and summarized on the 2003 revised draft, and a report will be circulated to the Council by March 1, 2003. The report will also be available on the project website: www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/seis/default.htm. The Council was also updated on the draft Biological Assessment, which concludes that the Council's Preliminary Preferred Alternative will not require formal consultation under the ESA. Finally, the Council was informed of progress on the non-substantive revisions to the FMP that will reorganize the document and update anachronistic text.

Final action on the PSEIS is scheduled for the April 2004 meeting. The Council will finalize their preferred alternative, a management policy for the BSAI and GOA groundfish FMPs. The Council will also approve an FMP amendment to implement the preferred management policy and revise the groundfish FMPs. Further action in June will include a discussion of specific timelines to implement specific measures. Copies of the revised FMPs will be available on the Council website prior to the April meeting: www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc. Staff contact is Diana Evans.

Aleutian Islands Pollock Fishery

In a recent action by the U.S. Congress, the Council was directed to apportion quota to the Aleut Corporation for a directed pollock fishery in the Aleutian Islands. The intent of the legislation is to provide for economic development in the community of Adak. At the February meeting, the Council received a discussion document from staff that outlined options available to the Council to provide for this fishery. Staff also presented to the Council a document summarizing the cumulative effects of this action and a review of other issues associated with opening this fishery. The Council approved proceeding with analysis of a set of alternatives related to opening the Aleutian Islands to a pollock fishery. The Council's intent is that the quota for an AI pollock fishery will not result in exceeding the 2 million mt OY cap in the BSAI groundfish fishery. The text of the motion is posted on the Council's website. NMFS and Council staff will prepare an EA/RIR/IRFA for initial review at the April meeting. At that time the Council intends to release the EA for public review and take final action in June, to allow for a potential 2005 fishery.

The Council also asked its Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee to review the current Steller sea lion protection measures in the Aleutian Islands region, and to informally discuss with NMFS the potential issues associated with an Aleutian Islands pollock fishery. As this directed fishery develops, the Congressional action requires 50 percent of the pollock harvest be by vessels less than 60 feet by the year 2012. The Council requested a review of how the geographic closures in the Adak area may affect small vessel operations. Staff contact is Bill Wilson.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures in the GOA

During its December 2003 meeting, the Council reviewed a package of proposed regulatory changes developed by the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. These proposed changes to the GOA groundfish fishery regulations were recommended because they would provide some economic relief to Gulf communities. In December, the Council approved forwarding the proposals to NMFS for review. The process of the review was an informal Section 7 consultation on possible effects of the proposed measures on the endangered Steller sea lion. NMFS has completed their review. Five measures in the proposed amendment package were judged by NMFS as not having the potential to adversely impact the western population of Steller sea lion, and the Council has approved forwarding these proposals for analysis and development of an EA/RIR/IRFA. The Council intends to review this document either in April or June, with the intent of taking final action in June so that the regulations implementing these measures can be in place for the 2005 fishery.

The five proposed GOA regulatory changes are:

1. Reduce the size of the pollock trawl fishery closed area around the Puale Bay SSL rookery and provide for a larger closed area around Cape Douglas/Shaw Island.
2. Reduce the size of the Pacific cod pot fishery closed area around the Kak Island SSL haulout.
3. Reduce the size of the Pacific cod pot fishery closed area around the Castle Rock SSL haulout.
4. Remove the two-week stand down periods between the A and B seasons and between the C and D seasons in the GOA pollock trawl fishery.
5. Change the method for rolling over unharvested pollock TAC in the Western/Central Regulatory Areas in the GOA pollock trawl fishery.

More details on these proposed measures are available from the Council. Staff contact in Bill Wilson.

Possible ESA Listing of Sea Otters

The US Fish & Wildlife Service informed the Council that the southwest Alaska distinct population segment of Northern sea otter may be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. This population has been declining for many years, and the USFWS has proposed it be listed and that a recovery plan be developed. A proposed rule to list this population was published in the Federal Register http://www.r7.fws.gov/media/seaotter2004/69_fr_6600.pdf. Staff contact is Bill Wilson.

Seabird Avoidance Video Available

The University of Washington and University of Alaska Sea Grant Programs have released a new video that provides information to help Alaska longline fishermen avoid catching seabirds as they set and retrieve fishing gear. The video demonstrates how to rig and deploy streamer lines, a measure now required by new regulations that went into effect on February 12, 2004. More information on the video *Off The Hook - An Informational Video For Alaska Longliners* is available at www.uaf.edu/map or www.wsg.washington.edu. The new seabird deterrent regulations for Alaskan longline fisheries are at www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seabirds/guide.htm.

Information on availability of free streamer lines for Alaskan fishermen is available at the same NOAA web site. Staff contact is Bill Wilson.

Scallop Management

The Council reviewed the status of the weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska. Management of scallop is delegated to the State of Alaska under a federally-approved FMP. The state actively manages scallops stocks in 9 regions in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska. Scallop harvests within these areas are limited by Guideline Harvest Ranges (GHRs) established by the state. Information on scallop stocks is provided by biennial surveys in two regions and by the statewide scallop observer program. The scallop stocks in Alaska are neither overfished nor approaching an overfished condition. The 2003 Scallop Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report was approved by the Council and is available on our website. The Scallop Plan Team will continue to meet annually to review the status of stocks and to update the SAFE report. The FMP for Scallop has been amended several times since its inception in 1995. The FMP will be updated to provide increased clarity and to better reflect the current management of the scallop fishery.

The Council initiated analysis of possible revisions to the scallop license limitation program (LLP), by modifying or eliminating the 6 foot dredge limit gear endorsement. In April, the Council will review background information on the LLP, and develop alternatives for analysis, which would be dovetailed with the FMP update project. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

Harvest Control Rules

National Standard 1 Guidelines:

Dr. Grant Thompson (NMFS/AFSC) briefed the SSC on the proposed revisions to the National Standard 1 Guidelines regarding harvest policy and definition of overfishing. These proposed revisions to the guidelines are the result of a workgroup formed by NMFS to evaluate and make recommendations regarding existing problems with the current guidelines. While the proposed rule is not yet drafted, the revisions as currently summarized by the workgroup would contain increased flexibility to respond to the needs of different fisheries and all eight Councils and would reflect many of the concerns raised to NMFS by the SSC and the North Pacific Council.

Crab Overfishing Definitions:

Dr. Lou Rugolo (NMFS) and Dr. Shareef Siddeek (ADF&G) presented an update to the SSC on the progress of the Crab Plan Team appointed workgroup in revising the overfishing definitions in the crab FMP. The SSC provided guidance to the workgroup on the proposed scope of work and requested that the group next present the SSC with a new draft control rule system for BSAI crabs. This tier system may be modeled after those utilized for BSAI and GOA groundfish stocks. Crab stocks are jointly managed by NMFS and ADF&G thus any changes to the crab FMP will be coordinated with both the NPFMC and the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The amendment is scheduled for initial review by the Council in June of 2005. Staff contact is Diana Stram.

Harvest strategy modeling and Ecosystem modeling:

The SSC reviewed several modeling approaches to evaluate fisheries management measures in the North Pacific. Dr. Joshua Sladek Nowlis (NMFS) presented an evaluation of the performance of harvest control rules utilized by the Council according to a range of possible management goals. Dr. Kerim Aydin (NMFS/AFSC) presented an overview of current multispecies and ecosystem modeling efforts at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center.

NPFMC Tentative Meeting Dates for 2004-2007

	February Week of/Location	April Week of/Location	June Week of/Location	October Week of/Location	December Week of/Location
2004		3/29 Anchorage	7/Portland	4/Sitka	6/Anchorage
2005	7/Seattle	4/Anchorage	6/Dutch Harbor*	3/Anchorage	5/Anchorage
2006	6/Seattle	3/Anchorage	5/Kodiak*	2/Anchorage	4/Anchorage
2007	5/Portland*	2/Anchorage	4/Sitka*	1/Anchorage	3/Anchorage

*Meeting dates subject to change depending on availability of meeting space. Any changes will be published in the Council's newsletter.

HAPC

The Council received a report on Habitat Areas of Particular Concern, including an overview of initial HAPC proposals and a suggested methodology for review. The Council passed a HAPC process in October 2003 and submitted an initial call for proposals that ended January 10, 2004. The Council received twenty-three proposals from six separate submitters, including NOAA fisheries. The proposals are viewable on the NPFMC website at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc>. The next stage of the HAPC process is to have the proposals reviewed for ecological, socioeconomic, and enforcement components.

Before the April Council meeting, the Plan Teams will review the HAPC proposals for the ecological components. There will be a meeting to summarize their review of the proposals March 8-9th, which will be held by videoconference with stations in Seattle, Juneau, and Kodiak. The plan teams review of the ecological components will include: The scientific and technical merit of the proposal, and an evaluation of how the proposal meets the Council's priorities and considerations of the Final Rule. For more specifics on the HAPC process, view Appendix J of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for EFH. The Council will consider identifying seamounts as EFH when they take final action on the EFH EIS, so that seamounts could be specifically included as HAPC. Staff contact is Cathy Coon.

Committee Appointments

At its February meeting, the Council announced the following appointments to the Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee for two year terms (2004-2005): Gary Painter, Keith Colburn, Lance Farr, Phil Hanson, Kevin Kaldestad, Garry Loncon, Rob Rogers, Clyde Sterling, Gary Stewart, Tom Suryan, Vic Sheibert, Steve Minor, and Arni Thompson.

Additionally the Council also appointed members to fill vacancies on the SSC and the BSAI plan team:

Dr. David Sampson of the Oregon Department of Fish and wildlife was appointed to the SSC. He is currently working overseas, and is scheduled to be back in the states June 2004. In the interim, Dr. Patricia Burke or Dr. Steve Parker will serve on the Committee, if needed, until his return. Mr. Sampson served on the SSC in 2003 and it is good to have him back!

Mr. David Carlile has been appointed to the BSAI Groundfish Plan team. Mr. Carlile is replacing Kristin Mabry and has worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for 15 years as a groundfish biometrician and has extensive experience with marine fishery stock assessment issues in the state.

Upcoming meetings

The Council's **Fur Seal Committee** will likely meet in late February or March to review the NMFS' DEIS on renewing the Pribilof Islands Subsistence fur seal harvest regulations.

The **Steller Sea Lion Mitigation committee** will meet to address SSL protection measures in the Aleutian Islands. Location and date TBA.

Observer Program

In December, the Council reviewed a draft analysis for an FMP amendment to restructure the funding and deployment mechanism in the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program (Observer Program). Under the new system, NMFS would contract directly with observer providers for observer coverage, supported by a broad-based user fee and/or direct Federal funding. The primary alternative would apply the new program to all Gulf of Alaska groundfish vessels, with additional alternatives to add halibut vessels, Gulf of Alaska shoreside processors, and BSAI vessels with currently less than 100% coverage requirements. Vessels and processors that are not covered under the new program would continue to operate under the existing program, whereby vessels contract directly with observer providers.

In February, the Council first received an overview of the Observer Program from Dr. Bill Karp, Observer Program Leader at NMFS. Secondly, the Council discussed the implications of a NMFS letter recommending that the Council add an alternative to the draft analysis to include all BSAI vessels and processors in any new program restructuring. This recommendation was spurred by NMFS' concern with specific issues related to: 1) observer decertification procedures, and 2) the application of a NMFS policy which defines wage rates and overtime pay requirements for observer providers under direct contract with NMFS. The existing alternatives in the analysis would result in a hybrid program, in which some vessels and shoreside processors would operate under the new direct contract system and others would remain in the current pay-as-you-go system. NMFS is concerned with the implications of having different procedures for addressing observer conduct and performance problems between the two systems, as well as differences in observer remuneration.

The Council tasked the Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) with refining the existing alternatives and exploring new alternatives that would establish a new program in both the GOA and the BSAI. The Council also requested that the OAC review and recommend appropriate changes to the problem statement, as well as review several observer issues related to the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), ways to increase NMFS' flexibility under the current service delivery model, and insurance costs. The OAC will address these and other issues at its March 11 - 12 meeting. The Council also took action to send a letter to NMFS HQ requesting reconsideration of its policy regarding applicability of the FLSA. The full motion is available on our website. Staff contact is Nicole Kimball.

Observer Advisory Committee Meeting: March 11 - 12, 2004, at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle at 8:30 a.m. Room 1065. Agenda to be posted on our website shortly.

Groundfish, Scallop and Crab Plan Teams will meet via videoconference to discuss the HAPC proposals March 8th and 9th, with video stations in Seattle, Juneau, and Kodiak.

Improved Retention/ Improved Utilization (IR/U)

The Council received a status report on Amendment 79 from staff. In June 2003, the Council took final action on Amendment 79, selecting a groundfish retention standard program for the non-AFA trawl catcher processors over 125' that operate in the BSAI. The program would phase in, over a four year period, a gradual higher retention rate starting in 2005 at 65 percent and culminating in 2008 at 85 percent. Since final action in June 2003, staff has continued to refine the EA/RIR/IRFA package for formal submission to NMFS. At the December 2003 meeting, NMFS identified three analytical issues that needed further clarification in the analysis. Since that meeting, these analytical issues have been addressed, and the EA/RIR/IRFA was resubmitted to NMFS in January of this year for further internal review. After all internal review has been completed by NMFS, the package will be formally submitted to NMFS for review by the Secretary of Commerce.

The Council also received a progress report on Amendment 80 and further developed the alternatives for analysis. Specifically, the Council approved three alternatives for analysis in Amendment 80a from among the current suite of elements and options. The alternatives comply with the NEPA requirement of having comparable and contrasting alternatives. The alternatives do not preclude the Council from selecting other components and options in choosing their preferred alternative. In addition to the alternative analysis, the EA/RIR/IRFA will also include an analysis of all the components and options for Amendment 80a and 80b independently. The following are the alternatives for Amendment 80a.

Alternative 1 - No Action/Status Quo

Under this alternative, current management of groundfish and PSC in the BSAI would continue to be managed in accordance with existing Federal management measures, including any management measures pending. One of those pending management measures is the groundfish retention standard (Amendment 79) assuming SOC approval.

Alternative 2 - Allocate all Groundfish

This alternative would allocate all groundfish except pollock. In addition, if an allocation of a groundfish species was an amount too small to harvest, then that species would not be allocated. Those species not allocated will be managed as an open access fishery using soft caps. This alternative would use 1995 to 2002 for the sector's catch history, and would include the AFA-9 catch history. This alternative would allocate Pacific cod in the same method used to allocate the other targeted species, and thus supercede all existing apportionments of Pacific cod in the BSAI. PSC allocations would be based on historic fishery group's apportionment and PSC usage by the sector. This alternative would not include a harvest threshold for underutilized species. Finally, the alternative would have a liberal eligibility requirement for vessels to qualified to participate in a sector.

Alternative 3 - Allocate only Primary Target Groundfish

This alternative would only allocate primary target groundfish species (Pacific cod, yellowfin sole, rock sole, flathead sole, Atka mackerel, Greenland turbot, and AI Pacific Ocean perch). Those species not allocated will be managed as an open access fishery

using hard caps. This alternative would use 1998 to 2002 for the sector's catch history and would exclude the AFA-9 catch history. Pacific cod allocations would be based on apportions in the regulations as modified by Amendment 77. In addition, the Pacific cod apportionment for the trawl CP sectors would be split between the non-AFA trawl CP at 18.3 percent and the AFA trawl catcher processors at 5.2 percent. PSC would be allocated based on the proportion of PSC harvest attributed to the fishery group and the proportion of target species harvested in the fishery group. This alternative would have a low harvest threshold for underutilized species. Finally, this alternative would have more restrictive eligibility requirements for vessels to participate in a sector.

The Council also approved a problem statement for Amendment 80 and is presented below.

Problem Statement for Amendment 80 to the BSAI FMP:

The Council's primary concern is to maintain a healthy marine ecosystem to ensure the long-term conservation and abundance of the groundfish and crab resources. To this end, the Council is committed to reducing bycatch, minimizing waste, and improving utilization of fish resources to the extent practicable in order to provide the maximum benefit to present generations of fishermen, associated fishing industry sectors, communities, and the nation as a whole, while at the same time continuing to look for ways to further rationalize the fisheries. The Council also recognizes that the fishing industry is made up of participants who have a vested interest in the continued improvement in the long-term conservation of the groundfish resources, but at times could be burdened with additional costs associated with management programs that improve conservation or reduce bycatch. The problem facing the Council is two fold. First, is to develop programs to slow the race for fish, and reduce bycatch and its associated mortalities, while maintaining a healthy harvesting and processing industry, recognizing long term investments in the fisheries, and promoting safety, efficiency, and further rationalization in all sectors. Second, is to fashion a management program that would mitigate the cost, to some degree, for those participants burdened with additional costs associated with management programs that improve conservation and reduce bycatch, while also continuing to reduce discards of groundfish and crab to practicable and acceptable levels.

The Council also made a few changes to the components and options for Amendment 80a and 80b:

- 80a Component 5: Add an Option 5.6, 2000-2003 with a suboption to exclude 2001.
- 80b Component 4: Add Option 4.7 - 100%
- 80b Component 6, Option 6.3: Add suboption: Don't drop a year
- 80b Component 6, Option 6.4: Add suboption: Drop 2 years

Finally, initial review for Amendment 80 is scheduled for June 2004 and final action in October 2004. A list of components and options for Amendment 80a and 80b are available on the Council website. Staff Contact is Jon McCracken.

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Miscellaneous Issues

The Council took a number of actions under their Management Reports, or under the Staff Tasking agenda item, including: (1) sending a letter to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries recommending that they not take action at this time relative to proposal #177, which would establish a state waters cod fishery in the Bering Sea; (2) request NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Division to provide a report in April on Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), their performance parameters, fisheries violations discerned by VMS, and availability. Further information relative to alternative systems, their costs, and availability is included in the box below. The Council also requested its Enforcement Committee to evaluate the technical aspects of a potential alternative, the vessel verification system, or VVS, and report to the Council in April; (3) sending a letter to NOAA Fisheries with regard to the National Bycatch Strategy, and the Regional Bycatch Implementation Plans stemming from that initiative - this letter will

focus on the process for implementing the national strategy, and will provide specific comments relative to the regional implementation plans; (4) delayed further action to initiate changes to salmon bycatch measures in the BSAI, pending further development of specific recommendations from the pollock fishery cooperatives; (5) regarding the Congressionally mandated pilot program for Gulf of Alaska rockfish, the Council deferred any action on this until the April meeting, where they will review specific recommendations from a stakeholder group working on potential details for that program; (6) reviewed, but took no action on, a petition to include the communities of Klukwan, Haines, and Saxman in the GOA halibut/sablefish Community QS purchase program and, (7) approved an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application from the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (AFDF) to test longline fishing gear techniques for rockfish species in the Eastern GOA.

Authorized VMS Products	Price	Transmission cost	Installation cost
Thrane and Thrane (3 models)	from \$1500- \$2500	\$2.40 -\$3.36/day, depending upon service provider	ranges from \$200-\$500
Orbcom (one model)	\$1185	\$2.40 -\$3.36/day, depending upon service provider	ranges from \$200-\$500
Argos (one model)	\$2000	\$5/day, \$5/week when inactive	ranges from \$200-\$500

DRAFT NPFMC THREE-MEETING OUTLOOK - updated 2/11

March 29, 2004	June 7, 2004	October 4, 2004
Anchorage Hilton	Portland, Oregon	Sitka, Alaska
Joint Council/Board meeting	CDQ Eligibility Amendments: Report	
CDQ Program: Report		
GOA Rockfish Demonstration: Develop alternatives	GOA Rockfish Demonstration: Action as necessary	GOA Rockfish Demonstration: Action as necessary
	IFQ Allocational changes: Initial Review (T) IFQ Administrative Changes: Initial Review (T)	IFQ Allocational changes: Final Action (T) IFQ Administrative Changes: Final Action (T)
GOA Rationalization: Discuss State water issues	GOA Rationalization: Action as necessary	GOA Rationalization: Action as necessary
HAPC: Review alternatives for analysis	HAPC: Finalize Alternatives for Analysis	HAPC: Report and action as necessary
DPSEIS and FMP Revisions: Final Action	DPSEIS Timeline for Management Policy: Discuss further action	
	SSL adjustments in GOA: Initial & Final Action (T)	
	Crab EIS: Final Action	
Flatfish IRIU: Report and action as necessary	Flatfish IRIU Trailing Amendment 80A & 80B: Initial Review (T)	Flatfish IRIU Trailing Amendment 80A & 80B: Final Action (T)
Observer Program: Report and action as necessary	Observer Program: Initial Review (T)	Observer Program: Final Action (T)
	Non -Target Species: Discuss/action as necessary	Non -Target Species: Discuss/action as necessary
AI Pollock Fishery Allocation: Initial Review	AI Pollock Fishery Allocation: Final Action	
Scallop LLP and FMP: Review background and develop alternatives to modify LLP	Scallop LLP and FMP update: Initial Review (T)	Scallop LLP and FMP update: Final Review (T)

TAC - Total Allowable Catch
BSAI - Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands
IFQ - Individual Fishing Quota
AFA - American Fisheries Act
HAPC - Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
LLP - License Limitation Program
PSC - Prohibited Species Catch

MSA - Magnuson Stevens Act
GOA - Gulf of Alaska
SSL - Steller Sea Lion
VIP - Vessel Incentive Program
SEIS - Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
CDQ - Community Development Quota
IRIU - Improved Retention/Improved Utilization

SAFE - Stock assessment and fishery evaluation
VMS - Vessel Monitoring System
CV - Catcher Vessel CP- Catcher Processor
SSC - Scientific & Statistical Committee
FMP - Fishery Management Plan
DPSEIS - Draft Programmatic Groundfish SEIS
(T) Tentatively scheduled