

Council motion**June 9, 2013****C-5(a) GOA Trawl Bycatch Management**

The Council appreciates stakeholder efforts to respond to its request for proposed prohibited species catch (PSC) management measures in the Gulf of Alaska trawl fisheries. The breadth of preliminary proposals provides the Council with a variety of program structures to consider in development of a program. Recognizing that these proposals have been recently received and preliminary in nature, the Council requests that staff provide a discussion paper reviewing the proposals. This review should first briefly summarize each proposal and describe the program structure being proposed using the Tier 1 and 2 decision framework provided in the June 2013 'roadmap' document. Each proposal should then be examined in light of the Council's purpose and need statement. The paper should review each of the objectives identified in the Council's purpose and need statement and whether and how the elements of each proposal address those objectives.

This review is not intended to be an analysis of the proposals or their elements and options. Instead, the review is intended to provide a basis for the Council and stakeholders to develop program designs for more comprehensive analysis in the future with the necessary components and focus to address the Council's purpose and need statement. The discussion paper should point out whether any of the proposals include elements that may not be authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, or may encounter other legal constraints. The discussion paper should also assess what is required of the Council to develop criteria for CFAs. The result is intended to further the Council's objective of advancing bycatch reduction and management, providing industry with the necessary tools to adapt to present and future management needs, and meet other stated objectives of mitigating inequities between program participants that new management provisions might impose.

In addition, the discussion paper should expand on the state waters section and explicitly discuss the effects on a federal program in a situation in which a substantial portion of the harvest has been historically harvested in state waters.