

**June 2008- Kodiak, Alaska
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Motion**

C-4(a) Gulf of Alaska Fixed Gear Recency

ALTERNATIVE 1. No Action. No changes would be made to the current License Limitation Program.

ALTERNATIVE 2. The proposed action has two parts.

- (1) Remove area (Western Gulf and/or Central Gulf) endorsements from fixed gear LLP licenses unless the license meets a minimum catch or landings threshold in that management area.
- (2) Add Pacific cod endorsements to fixed gear licenses. Pacific cod endorsements would limit entry into the directed Pacific cod fisheries in federal waters in the Western and Central Gulf of Alaska.

Component 1— Areas included

Western Gulf

Central Gulf (current LLP endorsement includes West Yakutat)

- Different options may be applied to each management area.

Component 2— Identify and define sectors

- Hook-and-line CP
 - Option: Hook-and-line CP ≥ 125
 - Hook-and-line CP < 125
- Hook-and-line CV
 - Option: Hook-and-line ≥ 60
 - Hook-and-line < 60
- Pot CP
- Pot CV
 - Option: Pot CV ≥ 60
 - Pot CV < 60
- Jig
 - Option 1: Exempt vessels using jig gear from any LLP requirement
 - Option 2: Exempt vessels using jig gear from any Pacific cod endorsement requirement
 - Suboption (applicable to either option): Exempt vessels using a maximum of 5 jigging machines, 5 lines, and 30 hooks per line or one line of 150 hooks.

Option (applicable to any of the sectors): Exempt vessels that are both < 60 ft and under a capacity limit to be determined by the Council. The Council directs staff to provide recommendations of options to consider for capacity limits.

Component 3 – Qualifying years

Option 1: 2000-2005

Option 2: 2000-2006

Option 3: 2002-2005

Option 4: 2002-2006

Component 3 (continued)

Option 5: Add the qualifying period January 1, 2007 through June 4, 2008 (this option would be selected in addition to one of the qualifying periods listed above in Options 1-4). If an LLP license qualifies only when this supplemental range of years is included, any area endorsements retained by licenses or Pacific cod endorsements granted to licenses under this option would be designated non-transferable. Endorsements retained by licenses or granted to licenses under this option will be extinguished upon transfer of the LLP license to another vessel or owner.

Component 4 – Catch thresholds

Thresholds shall be based on legally retained catch in the aggregate during all of the qualifying years in the federal and parallel fisheries (excluding IFQ catch).

Option 1: All groundfish 1, 3, or 5 landings

Option 2: All directed Pacific Cod 1, 3, or 5 landings (resulting in a Pacific cod endorsement)

Option 3: All groundfish 5, 10, 25, or 100 mt

Option 4: All directed Pacific Cod 5, 10, 25, or 100 mt (resulting in a Pacific cod endorsement)

Component 5 – Stacked license provisions

Option 1: Where there are multiple LLPs registered to a single vessel, also known as ‘stacking’ of LLPs, groundfish harvest history will be fully credited to all stacked licenses, each carrying its own qualifying endorsements and designations.

Option 2: Catch history could be divided among stacked licenses. License owner(s) may choose which license will be credited with landings so that one of the stacked licenses may qualify. In the absence of an agreement among license owner(s), catch history could be split evenly among stacked licenses.

Other issues for analysis:

Additionally, the Council recommends that Staff expand the analysis of Alaskan ownership of the hook-and-line catcher processor sector to include percent ownership and gross revenues by Alaskan community, including contributions to:

- (1) local tax revenues
- (2) local processing activity
- (3) local participation