

C5 Freezer Longline Vessel Replacement
Council Motion – December 11, 2011

Problem Statement

Vessel length restrictions included with LLP licenses and the AFA, established to maintain fleet capacity, inhibit the BSAI freezer longline fleet from replacing or rebuilding their vessels. ~~Allowing for Pacific cod hook and line catcher/processor vessel~~ Modifying or removing vessel length restrictions for BSAI freezer longline vessels to allow owners to rebuild or replace their vessels **with larger vessels** would allow for improved vessel safety, meet international class and loadline requirements that would allow a broader range of onboard processing options, ~~and or otherwise~~ improve the economic efficiency of their vessels.

Alternative 1: No Action. Under this alternative, the BSAI Pacific cod hook and line catcher processor vessel length, horsepower, and tonnage restrictions currently in place would continue to apply.

Alternative 2: *The owner of a BSAI Pacific cod hook and line catcher processor vessel may rebuild that vessel or replace that vessel with another vessel for any purpose. A rebuilt or replaced vessel may have a length overall 20% greater than the original qualifying BSAI Pacific cod hook and line catcher processor it replaces. A rebuilt or replaced vessel cannot exceed 150 feet LOA if the (License Limitation Program) LLP license assigned to that vessel, at the time of rebuilding or replacing, is less than 150 feet MLOA. Rebuilt or replaced vessels assigned LLP licenses with an MLOA greater than 150 feet MLOA would be limited to the length limitation on the LLP.*

For those LLP licenses with catcher processor and hook-and-line Pacific cod endorsements for the BS or AI with an MLOA of less than 150', increase the MLOA of the LLP license 20 percent not to exceed a MLOA of 150'.

Option 2.1: Any vessel replaced under this program would **not** be eligible to be designated on an FFP or an LLP.

Option 2.2: Replaced vessels may **not** be used to replace other BSAI hook and line catcher processor vessels.

Alternative 3: ~~No length restriction on rebuild and replacement vessels.~~ **The MLOA requirements on LLP licenses with catcher processor and hook-and-line Pacific cod endorsements for the BS or AI assigned to a BSAI Pacific cod hook and line catcher processor vessel would not apply and the Council recommends that vessels named on these LLP licenses be authorized for use in the EEZ under the jurisdiction of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, which is intended to clarify that these vessels are eligible to receive a certificate of documentation consistent with 46 U.S.C. 12102(c) and MARAD regulations at 46 C.F.R. 356.47.**

Option 3.1: Any vessel replaced under this program would be **not** eligible to be designated on an FFP or an LLP.

Option 3.2: Replaced vessels may **not** be used to replace other BSAI hook and line catcher processor vessels.

Option 3.3: Any replaced vessel may not exceed 220' LOA.

Option 3.4: The MLOA requirements on LLP licenses with catcher processor and pot cod endorsements would continue to apply when the LLP is used in BS or AI fishery pot cod fishery.