

Council motion

June 8, 2013

C-4 GOA Trawl non-pollock Chinook PSC cap

The Council recommends the following as its final preferred alternative for the Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon bycatch cap in the non-pollock trawl fisheries:

Alternative 2: 7,500 Chinook salmon PSC limit (hard cap).

In any year following a year when a sector's PSC usage is below its proportional share of 6,500 Chinook, the sector shall be allowed to access its share of an uncertainty pool of 1,000 fish (in addition to its share of the 7,500 cap). The sector's share of the uncertainty pool (including any seasonal or fishery specific cap) shall be apportioned in the same manner as the 7,500 cap.

Option 2: Apportion limit by directed fishery operational type (CV and CP).

a) Apportion proportional to historic average bycatch of Chinook salmon (5-year average):

CP cap = 3,600

CV cap = 3,900

Option 3: For the CP sector, no more than 66% of the annual hard cap limit can be taken before June 1.

Option 4: Separate Chinook salmon PSC limit (hard cap) to the CGOA CV Rockfish Program sector

a) 1,200 from the CV sector's apportionment

Alternative 3: Full retention of salmon

Vessels will retain all salmon bycatch until the number of salmon has been determined by the vessel or plant observer and the observer's collection of any scientific data or biological samples from the salmon has been completed; if no plant observer is available, all salmon shall be recorded, by species, on the fish ticket.