

**NPFMC Motion
December 2007
D-1 (a) Salmon Bycatch**

The Council adopts the Advisory Panel's recommendations with the following additions and deletions. Additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikethrough.

The ~~AP recommends the~~ Council adopts the problem statement and moves forward the analysis and alternatives proposed by the Salmon Bycatch Workgroup in their May and August 2007 meetings and as described on pages 1 and 2 of D-1 (a)(1) and pages 3 and 4 of D-1 (a)(3) with the following changes:

Option B) Cap formulation based on:

1. Establish cap based on:

1- Average historical bycatch:

i. 3 years (2004-2006)

ii. 5 years (2002-2006)

iii. 10 years (1997-2006)

Suboption: drop lowest year

Suboption: drop highest year

2- Percentage increase of:

i. historical average (3 years, 2004-2006)

1. 10%

2. 20%

3. 30%

ii. highest year, pre-2007

1. 10%

2. 20%

3. 30%

2. Set cap relative to salmon returns:

Recommend that analysts prepare draft language to better characterize on-going investigations

3. Incidental Take Permit amount

4. International treaty considerations

1- Average historical bycatch pre-2002

i. 3 years (1999-2001)

ii. 5 years (1997-2001)

iii. 10 years (1992-2001)

~~2- Percentage decrease of historical averages:~~

~~i. 10% decrease~~

~~1. 3 years (1999-2001)~~

~~2. 5 years (1997-2001)~~

~~3. 10 years (1992-2001)~~

~~ii. 20% decrease~~

~~1. 3 years (1999-2001)~~

~~2. 5 years (1997-2001)~~

~~3. 10 years (1992-2001)~~

~~iii. 30% decrease~~

~~1. 3 years (1999-2001)~~

~~2. 5 years (1997-2001)~~

~~3. 10 years (1992-2001)~~

~~The AP also recommends adding~~ Add an option to the alternatives for new closures that would allow for an exemption such as the one currently implemented under amendment 84 for the fleet to these new closures.

~~Delete Element 4 from the elements and options.~~

~~Additionally, the AP recommends adding~~ Add an option to divide the final cap by sectors based upon:

Option 1: 50% shore based CV fleet; 10% for the mothership fleet; and 40% for the offshore CP fleet

Option 2: historical average of percent bycatch by sector

~~The sector allocations of Chinook salmon bycatch will be divided up by Pollock coops within each sector~~
Add another option to further subdivide sector allocation by cooperative based upon the percent of total sector Pollock catch their coop allocation represents. When the Chinook salmon coop cap is reached, the coop must stop fishing for pollock and may lease their remaining Pollock to another coop (inter-cooperative transfer) within their sector for that year (or similar method to allow Pollock harvest with individual coop accountability) or purchase salmon bycatch from other cooperatives. ~~Motion passed 10/8~~

The analysis will consider equal treatment by the CDQ program under each alternative. The intent is that any alternative under consideration would be no more restrictive than the other options to CDQ.

The Council adopts the Notice of Intent as presented by the agency.