

Motion for Amendment 80 Post Delivery Transfers and Rollovers (Agenda C-3)
February 10, 2008

Four part motion:

1. Bifurcate the two proposed actions of post-deliver transfers and rollovers of Amendment 80 limited access allocations and consider each separately.
2. Adopt Alternative 2 under the post delivery transfer action to allow post-delivery transfers of shares among Amendment 80 cooperatives. The number of post-deliver transfers a person may receive and their size would not be limited.

The Council deems proposed regulations that clearly and directly flow from the provisions of this motion to be necessary and appropriate in accordance with section 303(c).

The Council authorizes the Executive Director and the Chairman to review the draft proposed regulations when provided by NMFS to ensure that the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary under section 303(c) are consistent with these instructions.

3. Postpone the proposed action that would allow the rollover of projected unharvested amounts of Amendment 80 species and PSC from the Amendment 80 limited access fishery to the Amendment 80 cooperatives so that the Council may better assess the need for this action as well as other options for optimizing harvest of groundfish allocated to the Amendment 80 sector.
4. Task staff to develop a discussion paper to review the criteria for establishing cooperatives in the Amendment 80 sector. This discussion paper should provide a qualitative discussion reviewing the goals of the existing cooperative formation standards, current conditions in the fishery, and the implications of modifying cooperative formation criteria. The discussion should review criteria for the number of unique entities required to form a cooperative, the number of QS permits needed to form a cooperative, and amount of QS that must be assigned to a cooperative to form. Staff should select a range of options, and should analyze the effects of modifying one of the criteria at a time, as well as the effects of modifying several of the criteria simultaneously, to the extent possible. This discussion paper should be provided to the Council at the June meeting.