

**Council Motion on BSAI and GOA Trawl LLP Recency Analysis
February 10, 2008**

The Council forwards the February 2008 C-2 analysis for public review with the following revisions. Additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikethrough.

Alternative 1. No action. All trawl LLPs currently issued with a BSAI and/or GOA area endorsement will continue to be valid for the BSAI and/or GOA trawl groundfish fisheries.

Alternative 2. Remove the subarea (BS, AI, WG, and/or CG) endorsements on trawl LLPs unless the license meets a minimum landing threshold in the overall management area (BSAI or GOA).

Alternative 3. Remove the subarea (BS, AI, WG, and/or CG) endorsements on trawl LLPs unless the license meets a minimum landing threshold in the specified subarea.

Alternatives 2 and 3 apply to all trawl CV and CP LLPs in the areas specified except for those identified in the following exemptions:

AFA exemption from BSAI landings thresholds: Exempt BSAI LLP endorsements originally issued to vessels qualified under the AFA and any non-AFA BSAI LLPs assigned to AFA vessels not having any other license. (Applies to CPs and CVs).
Central Gulf Rockfish Pilot Program exemption from CG landings thresholds: Exempt CG subarea endorsements on CG rockfish pilot program qualified licenses. (Applies to CPs and CVs).
Amendment 80 exemption from BSAI landings thresholds: Exempt BSAI LLP endorsements originally issued to vessels qualified under Am. 80 and BSAI LLPs used for eligibility in Am. 80.

The following components are applicable to Alternative 2 and Alternative 3.

Component 1 – Landings thresholds in the specified area¹

Option 1. At least one landing of groundfish during 2000 – 2005.

Option 2. At least two landings of groundfish during 2000 – 2005.

Option 3. At least [one or two] landings of groundfish during 2000 – 2006.

Suboption: Apply Option 3 only to BSAI endorsements.

Option 4. Exempt BSAI endorsements on trawl LLPs with MLOA of <60' that have trawl or non-trawl landings in the BSAI directed Pacific cod fishery (in any one year 2000 – 2005) of:

Suboption 1: one landing

Suboption 2: two landings

Suboption 3: 200 mt

~~Option 5. Exempt AI endorsements from meeting the landings thresholds.~~

Option 5. (applicable only under Alternative 3)

In order to retain both GOA subarea endorsements, significant landings must have been made in one of the management areas (e.g., WG or CG). The trawl CV LLP must meet the landing criteria selected (Options 1, 2, or 3 above) for a specific subarea (e.g., WG), plus the license must have participation in either subarea (e.g., WG or CG) in 2005 or 2006 or 2007 of at least:

Suboption 1: 20 landings

¹Catcher processors are credited with their landings whether they were operating as a catcher processor or a catcher vessel at the time of landing.

Suboption 2: 30 landings

Suboption 3: 40 landings

Component 2 – Mutiple LLPs stacked on a single vessel. Groundfish harvest history is credited to each LLP stacked on a single vessel at the time of landing.

Suboption: Stacked licenses will remain linked and cannot be severed back into separate licenses (effective at the time of implementation).

Component 3 – Option: Exempt LLPs originally issued to vessels qualified under Amendment 80 and LLPs used for eligibility in Amendment 80 from the GOA landing thresholds.

Component 4 – Adding new AI endorsements to trawl LLPs

Option 1. Award AI endorsements to non-AFA trawl CV <60' MLOA licenses if they meet the landing thresholds in the AI parallel P. cod fishery during 2000 – ~~2005~~ 2006 of at least:

Suboption 1: 50 mt

Suboption 2: 250 mt

Suboption 3: 500 mt

Option 2. Award AI endorsements to non-AFA trawl CV ≥60' MLOA LLPs if they have at least one landing in the AI parallel groundfish fishery or AI State water P. cod fishery in 2000 – 2006 **and** meet the following threshold in the BSAI P. cod fishery in 2000 –2006:

Suboption 1: 500 mt

Suboption 2: 1000 mt

~~Option 3. NMFS will exempt a limited number of vessels, selected annually by the Aleut Corporation, from the requirement to hold an AI endorsement to participate in the AI groundfish fishery.~~

~~Suboption 1: up to 10 vessels <60' LOA can be exempted annually~~

~~Suboption 2: up to 4 vessels <125' LOA can be exempted annually~~

Option 3. All Aleutian Islands endorsements issued under Component 4 shall be severable and transferable. The AI area trawl endorsements can only be transferred to a non-AFA trawl CV LLP with a trawl CV designation and an MLOA of <60' or ≥60', as applicable under Option 1 or 2.

The Council also requests that the analysis show the 2007 Atka mackerel, Pacific Ocean perch, and Pacific cod harvest distribution between the Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands.