

NPFMC motion on C4(c) Pribilof Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan

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The Council moves that the analysis to review the Pribilof Islands blue king crab rebuilding plan be expanded as follows:

1. Address comments by AP as appropriate
2. Under Alternative 5, Option 5D (Distribution of PIBKC from 1984-2009) Suboptions 3 and 4, analyze allocation of trigger cap to:
 - Non-Pelagic Trawl 40%
 - Hook and Line 20%
 - Pot 40%

The analysis should explore this gear allocation as part of annual specifications.

3. For that part of the analysis, include to the extent practicable, historical bycatch from entire PIBKC district.
4. A discussion of spatial boundaries for catch accounting extrapolation to prevent application of St Matthew blue king crab stock bycatch rates to Pribilof Islands blue king crab catch.
5. Under alternative 5, include a qualitative assessment of other possible tools for achieving triggered closures. This may include other possible tools such as the relative merits of a different approach to establishing a cap based upon range of threshold levels whereby upon reaching the threshold the gear group which contributed the most towards that threshold at that time would be closed out of the designated area.