

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council - June 2009
Council Motion**

C-2 BSAI Pacific Cod Parallel State Waters Fixed Gear CP Fisheries

For the purposes of this action, a catcher processor is defined as a vessel that is used to catch and process fish. A vessel that has a catcher processor license, but is not used to catch and process fish, is not considered a catcher processor for purposes of this action. This definition is consistent with the way in which NMFS accounts for catch under the Amendment 85 sector allocations.

Alternative 2 Require any catcher processor using pot or hook-and-line gear with an FFP or LLP to have a CP designation for vessel type of operation, a BSAI designation for area of operation, and a pot or hook-and-line gear designation on the FFP; and the appropriate Amendment 67 Pacific cod endorsement (CP pot or CP hook-and-line, corresponding to the gear type being used) and the appropriate area endorsement on the LLP in order to participate in the BSAI Pacific cod parallel State waters fishery.

Alternative 3 Require any catcher processor using pot or hook-and-line gear with an FFP or LLP that fishes in parallel State waters to adhere to seasonal closures of the BSAI Pacific cod CP pot or CP hook-and-line sectors (as defined in Amendment 85) corresponding to the sector the vessel is operating in.

Alternative 4 Vessels with a CP designation for vessel type of operation, BSAI area designation for area of operation, and hook-and-line or pot gear designation on the FFP cannot remove the CP designation, the BSAI area designation, or the pot or hook-and-line gear designation from the FFP; and can only surrender or reactivate the permit:

(c) FFP cannot be surrendered during the 3 year term of the permit

Staff note on the selected alternatives

Under the selected alternatives,, if a vessel has either an FFP or LLP, it is required to have an LLP with the appropriate area (BS or AI) endorsement, operation type designation, and Amendment 67 endorsement in order to participate as a pot CP or hook-and-line CP in the BSAI parallel waters Pacific cod fishery (Alternative 2) and comply with sector closures (Alternative 3). This action does not require a vessel to hold an FFP to participate in the BSAI parallel waters Pacific cod fishery as a pot or hook-and-line CP. However, if a vessel has an FFP, it is required to have the FFP designations specified in Alternative 2 to participate as a pot CP or hook-and-line CP in the BSAI parallel waters Pacific cod fishery. In addition, FFPs with the specified designations are subject to the restrictions in Alternative 4.