

GOA Sideboard Analysis Options
December 2007

Crab Rationalization Program

Exempted Vessel Status of GOA Pacific cod

Option 1: No changes to exempted status requirements

Option 2: To receive exempted status, the vessel/LLP would forfeit all BS opilio shares.

Suboption: To receive exempted status, vessel LLP would forfeit their BS opilio shares that are in excess of the 100,000 pound landing threshold during the qualifying years 1996-2000.

Option 3: Exempt non-AFA crab vessels from GOA Pacific cod sideboards if the vessel's Bering Sea opilio catch history is less than 0.22% and the vessel landed more than 500 mt of GOA Pacific cod from 1996-2000.

Suboption: To receive exempted status, vessel LLP would forfeit their BS opilio shares that are in excess of the 100,000 pound landing threshold during the qualifying years 1996-2000.

Option 4: Exempt non-AFA crab vessels from the GOA Pacific cod sideboards if the vessel's Bering Sea opilio catch history is less than 500,000 pounds and the vessel landed more than 2,500 mt of GOA Pacific cod from 1996-2000.

Option 5: Exempt non-AFA crab vessels from the GOA Pacific cod sideboards if the vessel's Bering Sea opilio catch history is less than 500,000 pounds and the vessel has landed 680 mt of GOA Pacific cod landings from 1996-2000.

Suboption: In addition to above, must also have 20 GOA pollock trawl landings during 1996-2000.

All these exemptions only apply to those non-AFA crab vessels/LLPs that are eligible to participate in the GOA Pacific cod fishery (have appropriate LLP).

Exempted Vessel Status for GOA Pollock

Option 1: No exempted status

Option2: Exempt non-AFA crab vessels from GOA pollock sideboards if the vessel's Bering Sea catch history is less than 0.22% and the vessel had: 1) five pollock deliveries, 2) 10 pollock deliveries, and 3) 20 pollock deliveries from 1996-2000.

All these exemptions only apply to those non-AFA crab vessels/LLPs that are eligible to participate in the GOA groundfish fisheries (have appropriate LLP).

Proposed Exemption from B season Pacific cod sideboard limit after November 1

Options to include lifting sideboard restriction from 1) those that have a GOA Pacific cod sideboard and 2) those that have GOA groundfish sideboard.

This exemption only applies to those non-AFA crab vessels/LLPs that are eligible to participate in the GOA Pacific cod fishery (have appropriate LLP).

The analysis should include how this November 1 exemption may interact with GOA Pacific cod sector splits.

Rockfish Pilot Program

Initiate an analysis for a regulatory amendment to exempt catcher processors that participate in the CGOA rockfish pilot program cooperative or limited access sectors and also belong to a cooperative in the BSAI fisheries under Amendment 80 from the July stand-down period.

Amendment 80 Program

Initiate an analysis for a regulatory amendment to add an amount of halibut PSC to the Amendment 80 3rd quarter deep-water halibut PSC sideboard proportionate to the halibut available to the rockfish catcher-processor limited access and opt-out fisheries.

AFA

Initiate an analysis for a regulatory amendment to the GOA AFA CV groundfish harvest sideboards for Pacific cod and pollock.

- Option 1. Status quo
- Option 2. Limit harvest to the average 2005-2007 catch history
- Option 3. Limit harvest to the average 2001-2005 catch history
- Option 4. No sideboard limits
- Option 5. No harvest allowed