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North Pacific Fishery Management Council

E-1 Staff Tasking – Pacific cod BS, AI and GOA; Obstacles to the complete harvest.

Motion

The Council requests that staff add a module to the BSAI cod allocation review outlining steps necessary to remove obstacles that impede achieving, on a continuing basis, the complete harvest of Pacific cod allocations in the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, and add a similar discussion when reviewing the allocations in the Gulf of Alaska .

The discussion paper should outline the process for reallocating Pacific cod , and options for NMFS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to facilitate the harvest by state and federal fishery participants of stranded allocation of Pacific cod in state waters (GHL) fisheries, with a focus on the Aleutian Island Sub district (AIS) GHL fishery.

The discussion paper should also address impediments to the complete harvest of Pacific cod allocations in the federal fisheries, including the below allocations, and to examine steps to facilitate earlier season rollover of BSAI Pcod (e.g. Amdt 85) allocations by NMFS.

- ICA on fixed gear in the BSAI allocation
- ICA in the GOA
- GOA Rock Fish Pilot Program allocation
- Amendment 80 fleet allocation