

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Agenda Item C-6
BSAI Yellowfin Sole Trawl Limited Access Fishery
February 3, 2017

The Council recommends releasing the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Yellowfin Sole Fishery analysis for public review after including the recommendations provided by the SSC to the extent possible.

The Council revises the alternatives to read as follows:

Alternative 1: No Action – Status Quo

Alternative 2: A catcher vessel may ~~directed fish~~ **target** the BSAI trawl limited access yellowfin sole fishery and deliver its catch to a mothership or catcher/processor only if that catcher vessel is assigned an LLP that is credited with at least **one trip target** ~~directed fishery~~ landing in the **BSAI trawl limited access** yellowfin sole ~~limited access~~ fishery made to a mothership or catcher/processor between:

Option 2

Option 2.1 2008-2015

Option 2.2 2008-2016

Suboption a: in any year

Suboption b: in any two years

If more than one LLP license is assigned to a vessel that made at least one trip target in the BSAI trawl limited access fishery, the vessel owner must specify only one LLP license to receive credit with the landings made by that vessel when more than one LLP license was assigned to the vessel.

Option 3

~~Option 2.3 a: The limits on access to catcher vessels are relieved~~ **Option 3.1 All catcher vessels may target yellowfin sole in the BSAI trawl limited access fishery and deliver its catch to a mothership or catcher/processor** if the TAC assigned to the BSAI trawl yellowfin sole limited access fishery is equal to or greater than:

Suboption ~~2.3.1.1~~ **3.1.1**: 15,000 mt

Suboption ~~2.3.1.2~~ **3.1.2**: 20,000 mt

Suboption ~~2.3.1.3~~ **3.1.3**: 25,000 mt

Suboption 3.1.4: 30,000 mt

Option 3.2 Catcher vessels that do not meet the landings qualifications established under Option 2, may target yellowfin sole in the BSAI trawl limited access fishery and deliver to a mothership or catcher/processor only for that portion of the yellowfin sole TAC assigned to the BSAI trawl limited access fishery that is equal to or greater than:

Suboption 3.2.1: 15,000 mt

Suboption 3.2.2: 20,000 mt

Suboption 3.2.3: 25,000 mt

Suboption 3.2.4: 30,000 mt

The amount of halibut PSC that may be used by catcher vessels defined under Option 3.2 in the BSAI trawl limited access fishery may not exceed an amount determined by multiplying the proportional share of yellowfin sole available to those vessels by the amount of halibut PSC assigned to the yellowfin sole fishery.