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	2. Continue to use the optimum yield caps for the BSAI and GOA groundfish fisheries.	Ongoing - Annual specifications																																																
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4. Provide for periodic reviews of the adequacy of F ₄₀ and adopt improvements, as appropriate.	Ongoing - AFSC responds to CIE reviews as part of specs process																																																	
5. Continue to improve the management of species through species categories.	2009 - BSAI skates TAC breakout 2010 - Ecosystem component created 2014 - Grenadiers to EC 2015 -Working paper on uncertainty in control rules tasked																																																	
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2. Promote Sustainable Fisheries and Communities	6. Promote conservation while providing for optimum yield in terms of the greatest overall benefit to the nation with particular reference to food production, and sustainable opportunities for recreational, subsistence, and commercial fishing participants and fishing communities. 7. Promote management measures that, while meeting conservation objectives, are also designed to avoid significant disruption of existing social and economic structures. 8. Promote fair and equitable allocation of identified available resources in a manner such that no particular sector, group or entity acquires an excessive share of the privileges. 9. Promote increased safety at sea.	These considerations are applied to all management actions.												These objectives represent standards that either separately or in combination apply to virtually all of the discussion, deliberation, and action taken by the Council.																																				

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5. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Seabirds and Marine Mammals	22. Continue to cooperate with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to protect ESA-listed species, and if appropriate and practicable, other seabird species.	2008 - Avoidance measures in area 4E 2015 - Re-consultation for short-tailed albatross												FMP amendments related to this goal statement <table><tr><td>107</td><td>BSAI</td><td>2014</td><td>● Walrus protection and transit corridors around Round Island and Cape Pierce</td></tr></table>				107	BSAI	2014	● Walrus protection and transit corridors around Round Island and Cape Pierce																
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	23. Maintain or adjust current protection measures as appropriate to avoid jeopardy of extinction or adverse modification to critical habitat for ESA-listed Steller sea lions.	2011 - SSL BiOp 2014 – Updated SSL BiOp Ongoing – SSL EIS regs in place Pending - SSL Critical Habitat proposed rule																																			
	24. Encourage programs to review status of endangered or threatened marine mammal stocks and fishing interactions and develop fishery management measures as appropriate.	Ongoing - Monitoring through the Protected Species Report													Regulatory amendments related to this goal statement ● Revisions to seabird avoidance measures, including in Area 4E ● Revisions to Steller sea lion closures for pollock and cod fisheries in the GOA ● Revisions to Steller sea lion protection measures for Atka mackerel, Pacific cod, and pollock fisheries in the Aleutian Islands ● Designation of critical habitat for Cook Inlet beluga whale Other management actions related to this goal statement ● ESA consultations on fishery impacts on listed seabirds and marine mammals ● Council receives protected species report at each meeting, monitoring issues with seabirds and marine mammals ● Reconsideration of Steller sea lion closures in 2014 biological opinion and 2014 EIS																						
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6. Reduce and Avoid Impacts to Habitat	26. Review and evaluate efficacy of existing habitat protection measures for managed species.	2012 - Council’s EFH Consultation Policy 2014 - Partially addressed in crab bycatch limits disc. paper 2016 - EFH 5 year review, fishing effects model												FMP amendments related to this goal statement <table><tr><td>104</td><td>BSAI</td><td>2015</td><td>● Designated skate nurseries in Bering Sea as HAPC</td></tr><tr><td>98/90</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2012</td><td>● Updated EFH information with findings from the 2010 EFH 5-year review</td></tr><tr><td>94/89</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2010</td><td>● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries</td></tr><tr><td>89</td><td>BSAI</td><td>2008</td><td>● Established Bering Sea Habitat Conservation area closures for non-pelagic trawling</td></tr><tr><td>78/73 65/65</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2006</td><td>● HAPCand EFH amendments, and associated fishery area closures in the GOA</td></tr></table>				104	BSAI	2015	● Designated skate nurseries in Bering Sea as HAPC	98/90	BSAI/GOA	2012	● Updated EFH information with findings from the 2010 EFH 5-year review	94/89	BSAI/GOA	2010	● Established trawl sweep elevation requirement in the flatfish fisheries	89	BSAI	2008	● Established Bering Sea Habitat Conservation area closures for non-pelagic trawling	78/73 65/65	BSAI/GOA	2006	● HAPCand EFH amendments, and associated fishery area closures in the GOA
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	27. Identify and designate essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern pursuant to Magnuson-Stevens Act rules, and mitigate fishery impacts as necessary and practicable to continue the sustainability of managed species.	2007 - BS habitat closures 2007 - Included in research priorities 2008 - NBSRA established 2009 - BS flatfish trawl sweep mods required 2011 - EFH 5-year review and Omnibus Amds approved 2011 - HAPC cycle changed to 5 years 2011 - Discussion paper initiated 2012 - NBSRA plan halted 2013 - HAPC skate nurseries adopted 2014 - Crab bycatch limits discussion paper addresses BBRKC 2015 – Fishery overlap with Pribilof corals 2016 - EFH 5 year review																																			
	28. Develop a Marine Protected Area policy in coordination with national and state policies.	Ongoing - Actions are developed complementary to Federal MPA Center and AK																																			
	29. Encourage development of a research program to identify regional baseline habitat information and mapping, subject to funding and staff availability.	Ongoing EFH 5-year reviews, including updates to fishing effects model and EFH descriptions Ongoing – (related) Extensive mapping program through NMFS Habitat Division														Other management actions related to this goal statement ● Discussion of protected areas for Bering Sea canyons ● Discussion paper resulting from EFH 5-year review to look at groundfish impacts on crab EFH (especially red king crab in southwestern Bristol Bay) ● Ongoing 2015 EFH 5-year review, including updates to fishing effects model and EFH descriptions ● Discussion of a Northern Bering Sea Research Area Research Plan (subsequently tabled) ● Council discussion regarding nominating Alaska MPAs to national MPA center register (tabled) ● Council encourages research through annual research priorities																					
30. Develop goals, objectives and criteria to evaluate the efficacy and suitable design of marine protected areas and no-take marine reserves as tools to maintain abundance, diversity, and productivity. Implement marine protected areas if and where appropriate.	Ongoing - Addressed in purpose and need for individual actions																																				

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9. Improve Data Quality, Monitoring and Enforcement (cont'd)	42. Encourage a coordinated, long-term ecosystem monitoring program to collect baseline information and compile existing information from a variety of ongoing research initiatives, subject to funding and staff availability.	Ongoing – Research priorities										FMP amendments related to this goal statement <table><tr><td>114/104</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2017</td><td>● Integrate electronic monitoring into the North Pacific Observer Program</td></tr><tr><td>112/102</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2016</td><td>● Change observer coverage category exemptions for small catcher processors</td></tr><tr><td>86/76</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2012</td><td>● Observer program restructuring</td></tr><tr><td>73/77</td><td>BSAI/GOA</td><td>2008</td><td>● Remove dark rockfish from FMP, allow management by State of Alaska</td></tr></table>	114/104	BSAI/GOA	2017	● Integrate electronic monitoring into the North Pacific Observer Program	112/102	BSAI/GOA	2016	● Change observer coverage category exemptions for small catcher processors	86/76	BSAI/GOA	2012	● Observer program restructuring	73/77	BSAI/GOA	2008	● Remove dark rockfish from FMP, allow management by State of Alaska
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	43. Cooperate with research institutions such as the North Pacific Research Board in identifying research needs to address pressing fishery issues.	Ongoing – Research priorities																										
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	44. Promote enhanced enforceability.	2015 Sablefish pot allowance										Other management actions related to this goal statement <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Annual refinement of observer data through the deployment plan● Ongoing work to improve Catch Accounting System● Discussion paper on VMS use and requirements● Electronic monitoring is being developed as a tool for catch monitoring. Pre-implementation program approved for 2016.● Council encourages research through annual research priorities, cooperates with North Pacific Research Board● Council initiated and participates in Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum, as well as maintaining other relationships with partner entities																
		Ongoing – Development of EM options																										
45. Continue to cooperate and coordinate management and enforcement programs with the Alaska Board of Fish, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Fish and Wildlife Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement, International Pacific Halibut Commission, Federal agencies, and other organizations to meet conservation requirements; promote economically healthy and sustainable fisheries and fishing communities; and maximize efficiencies in management and enforcement programs through continued consultation, coordination, and cooperation.	Ongoing - The Council maintains long history of cooperative management with all involved agencies and entities. The Council recognizes and works to achieve the shared goals of its many partners in stewardship of Alaska’s fisheries and its supporting ecosystems. Besides those partners listed in Objective 45, the Council maintains effective working relationships with the North Pacific Fishery Commission, Arctic Council, Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Body, Bering Sea Elders, among others.																											
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