

Council Motion
Western Gulf Pollock Fishery
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The Council tasks staff to develop a discussion paper considering how the following actions might impact participating vessels, processors, and communities.

In the Western Gulf of Alaska,

- Implement a vessel size limit of 58 feet overall length during the pollock fishery,
- Establish a sideboard limit on catch of pollock by trawl vessels over 58 feet in length.

To the extent possible, the evaluation should consider the extent these measures may protect the historical dependence of 58 foot vessels on the pollock fishery, affect Chinook salmon and halibut PSC rates and use, and protect the communities supported by the pollock fishery in the Western Gulf.

The discussion paper should include:

- Evaluation of the economic contribution of vessels over and under 58 feet in length
- Historical harvest distributions and regulatory changes and external factors that influence participation and harvest by vessel sizes.