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- **The SSC recommends the analysis be released for public review, following some important modifications that should improve clarity to readers and further highlight the necessary tradeoffs to a range of audiences.**
- The SSC provides several suggestions to improve the clarity of and description of various tradeoffs in the document

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- **The SSC recommends the analysis integrate some illustrative calculations to help readers understand functional relationships that determine the potential effects of increased Chinook salmon PSC.**
 - Providing an example of how standard adult-equivalent (or AEQ) calculations can be used to illustrate the chance that a given trawl-caught salmon would have survived to spawn.
 - Assess whether there is adequate genetic sampling of Chinook from non-pollock trips to draw inferences about regions of origin of PSC trawl caught Chinook, and present what is currently in narrative on page 39 in tabular or graphic form to make it more accessible to readers.
 - Refine vessel dependency information in Tables 54/55 by displaying densities, or quintiles, of the share of revenue across fleet, in addition to fleetwide averages.

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- Clearly state the rationale for the thought exercise on western GOA PSC rates, and how it would have affected PSC limits for that fishery under the Council's original retrospectively based allocation.
- Integrate information about functional relationships that are understood but not documented within this specific fishery.
- **The SSC requests that, in advance of identifying a preferred alternative, the Council refine the purpose and need statement for this action.**
- **The SSC encourages examination of whether the current system of hard caps are the best approach or whether other better alternatives and monitoring tools exist for managing chinook PSC in the GOA trawl fisheries.**