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## Action Memo

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**Dan Hull, Chairman**  
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**SUBJECT:**  
BSAI Yellowfin Sole Trawl Limited Access Fishery - Initial Review

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jon McCracken

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Initial Review of RIR/EA/IRFA

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2016, the Council reviewed a discussion paper that examined participation and effort in the BSAI TLA yellowfin sole fishery to determine the need to limit entry in the offshore fishery. After reviewing the discussion paper and hearing public testimony, the Council initiated an analysis to limit access for catcher vessels in the offshore portion of the BSAI TLA yellowfin sole fishery. Management measures also under consideration include an option to remove the limited access provisions for all trawl catcher vessels during periods of high total allowable catch assigned to the BSAI trawl limited access yellowfin sole fishery.