

Decision Summary for HMS FMP Amendment 2, SSSL Fishery

Alternative 1: No Action

Alternative 2: Limited Entry

Area Closure	1. 150° W. 2. 140° W. 3. None
Gear Requirements	Part of the alternative; no Council decision required
Sea Turtle Take Caps	Council Recommendation or ITS?
Number of LE Permits	1-20
Limit on LE Permit Transfer	1 or 2 years 0-5 landings during time period
LE Permit Qualification Option	Option 1: DGN and SSSL landing amount Option 2: DGN point system Option 3: SSSL landings, number and duration
Prohibition on Simultaneous use of Hawaii LE Permit	Part of the alternative; no Council decision required (except to exclude)
LE Permit Application and Issuance	Not currently addressed
Seabird Mitigation Measures	Apply measures equivalent to Hawaii regulations (60 CFR 665.35)?

Alternative 3: Limited Entry with no Permit Cap

- Fishery closed west of 140° W.
- Sea turtle mitigation measures same as Alternative 2.
- Estimated that up to 98 people could qualify.

Alternative 4: Open Access

- Fishery closed west of 140° W.
- Sea turtle mitigation measures same as Alternative 2.
- Hawaii longline limited access permit owners “would not qualify”: Implementation issues because this is an open access fishery. Interpreted as could not simultaneously possess a general west coast HMS permit.