

**FPA DECISION TEMPLATE FOR
CHANGES TO TRAWL CATCH SHARE PROGRAM GEAR REGULATIONS –
FINAL ACTION**

The following is a list of the trawl gear issues and alternatives for Council action at this meeting. See the referenced Chapter 2 sections for a full description of each of the alternatives and the related Chapter 4 sections for a discussion of the impacts of the alternatives.

Minimum mesh size (Issue A, DEIS Sections 2.1 and 4.1)		Council FPA
Alternative A1 (No-action)	4.5 inches for bottom trawl and 3 inches for midwater trawl.	
Alternative A2	4 inches for bottom trawl.	
Alternative A3	No minimum mesh size for bottom or midwater trawl.	
Measuring mesh size (Issue B, DEIS Sections 2.2 and 4.2)		
Alternative B1 (No-action)	Trawl mesh size measurements taken between knots.	
Alternative B2	Trawl mesh size measurements taken between knots or, in knotless mesh, between corners.	
Codend (Issue C, DEIS Sections 2.3 and 4.3)		
Alternative C1 (No-action)	Only single-walled codends could be used in any trawl. Double-walled codends prohibited. Chafing gear could not be used to create a double-walled codend.	
Alternative C2	No codend restrictions.	
Selective Flatfish Trawl (Issue D, DEIS Sections 2.4 and 4.4)		
Alternative D1 (No-action)	SFFT would be a two-seamed net as further defined at §660.130(b)(3)(ii)(A). SFFT required shoreward of the RCA north of 40°10' N. latitude, and permitted, but not required, shoreward of the RCA south of 40°10' N. latitude. SFFT permitted seaward of the RCA coastwide.	
Alternative D2	The SFFT definition would be modified to allow a two-seam or a four-seam net.	
Alternative D3	The SFFT definition would be modified to allow two-seam or four-seam net AND would eliminate the SFFT requirement shoreward of the RCA north of 40°10' N. latitude and would replace it with small footrope (like south of 40°10').	
Chafing Gear (Issue E, DEIS Sections 2.5 and 4.5)		
Alternative E1 (No-action)	Bottom trawl chafing gear last 50 meshes, less than 50 percent circumference, etc. (see §660.130(b)(3)(iii)) Midwater trawl chafing gear may not cover top of codend, etc. (see §660.130(b)(4)(i))	
Alternative E2	Bottom trawl chafing gear revised to match midwater trawl chafing gear requirements.	
Alternative E3	Eliminate chafing gear restrictions for bottom trawl and midwater trawl. (assumes retain prohibition on double-walled codend, but related Alternative C2 would remove prohibition)	

Multiple Gears (Issue F, DEIS Sections 2.6 and 4.6)		
Alternative F1 (No-action)	<u>On vessel:</u> bottom (small/large footrope) or midwater or fixed gear <u>Fished on trip:</u> only 1 gear	
Alternative F2	<u>On vessel:</u> bottom (small/large footrope) and midwater; or fixed gear <u>Fished on trip:</u> only 1 gear	
Alternative F3	<u>On vessel:</u> Multiple gears onboard. <u>Gear Type Sub-option A:</u> Use any trawl gear. <u>Gear Type Sub-option B:</u> Use any legal IFQ groundfish gear. <u>Sorting Sub-option A:</u> Vessels must separate catch by gear type. Landings recorded on separate electronic fish tickets by gear type. <u>Sorting Sub-option B:</u> Catch by gear type could be commingled. <i>NOTE: gear type sub-options independent of sorting sub-options.</i> <u>Fished on trip:</u> more than 1 gear	
Fishing in Multiple IFQ Management Areas (Issue G, DEIS Sections 2.7 and 4.7)		
Alternative G1 (No-action)	Allowed to fish in one IFQ management area per trip.	
Alternative G2	Allowed to fish in multiple IFQ management areas per trip. The catch would have to be sorted by IFQ management area and recorded on separate electronic fish tickets.	
Hauling Onboard before Previous Catch is Stowed (Shorebased IFQ Program only) (Issue H, DEIS Sections 2.8 and 4.8)		
Alternative H1 (No-action)	Prohibited to bring a haul on board before all catch from the previous haul had been stowed.	
Alternative H2	Allow a new haul to be brought onboard and dumped on deck before all catch from previous haul had been stowed. No mixing of hauls until the observer has collected samples.	

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