Trailing Amendment/Action Alternatives

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Pacific Halibut
Trawl Bycatch Mortality Allocation

• Primary objective for the A-21 allocation
  – Limit and reduce trawl bycatch mortality.

• Problem
  – The Amendment 21 allocation was excessively restrictive
  – There was no expansion from legals to legals+sublegals

• Primary response in the alternatives
  – Add an expansion to the allocation to go from legals to legals + sublegals
Central Elements of the Alternatives

• Status Quo – 15% of TCEY but not more than 130,000 lbs (net legals) (100,000 lbs in year 5).
  – Expand from net to round weight.
  – Allow adjustments to the limits during bi-spex.
• Alternative 1 – Add an expansion from legals to legals+sublegals.
  – The 15% but not the cap can be adjusted thru bi-spex
• Alternative 2 – Same as Alt 1 but set an amount (not %) during the bi-spex.
  – Amount capped at either 100,000 lbs or 130,000 lbs (net legals) – same expansions as Alt 1
  – Need to set 2012 allocation as part of PPA/FPA
MS/CV Endorsement Severability

• Problem: Some permits have relatively small allocations.
  – A permit does not need to harvest its own allocation the alternative is to join a co-op and let another co-op member harvest.
  – Transactions costs of joining co-ops may be significant relative to benefits.
  – If permits don’t join, their allocation goes to non-co-op fishery
    • May go unused, or
    • Encourage participation in the non-co-op fishery
Alternatives

• Status quo – MS/CV endorsements may not be transferred separate from the permits.

• Alternative – MS/CV Endorsements (with catch history) can be severed from permit and transferred to other permits
  – Stacked on permits with or without other MS/CV endorsements
  – MS/CV endorsements/catch history may not be subdivided or combined with other endorsements.