

Adopt the following as a preliminary preferred alternative for limiting the directed groundfish open access fishery:

- 1. Alternative A-4, as specified in the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 22 (Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 1) with a minimum landing criteria of 100 lbs**
- 2. Qualifying Framework QF-3 (1998-2006, with one trip in 2004-2006)**
- 3. No long-term fleet size goal**
- 4. Allow for permit transferability after the first year of the program**
- 5. Allow for use of A and B permits on the same vessel in the same year using a declaration process**
- 6. No state landing endorsement provision**
- 7. No previous year B species landing requirement to renew or transfer permit**
- 8. Species endorsements for sablefish and lingcod; using the following qualifying criteria: 1 lb, 100 lbs, and 500 lbs in any one year from 1998-2006. All other B species will be managed under a general B permit.**

Council Guidance: Notify all commercial fishery permit/license holders who landed any groundfish since 2004 in Washington, Oregon, and California that the PFMC proposed action may limit their opportunities in groundfish open access. This is to ensure notification of those affected by both the B and C permit alternatives. Include easily understood documents that clearly display the preliminary preferred alternative, that there are other alternatives for consideration, and where they can obtain more detailed information. Include a detailed description of what is allowed under the C permit, and how one is obtained. Provide notice of public comment opportunities in early January.