

F.5 Drift Gillnet Fishery Hard Caps

Council Action:

- Adopt a Revised Proposed Action, Purpose and Need Statement, and Range of Alternatives, as Appropriate.

CDFW Motion F5 – Hard Caps

I move that the Council:

- 1) Revise its purpose and need for hard caps in the Drift Gill Net Fishery to:

The purpose is:

To incentivize fishing practices and tools in an effort to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality, as well as to conserve other unmarketable non-target species, including ESA-listed species and marine mammals, in the drift gillnet fishery to the extent practicable.

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- 2) Direct the Highly Migratory Species Management team to develop a final range of alternatives that meets this purpose and need while aiming to address the NMFS economic analysis results from the original proposal:
 - a. A no-action alternative as required by NEPA
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 - c. Annual Hard Caps equivalent to the original proposal, with varying closure periods
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Moved by John Ugoretz; Second by Caren Braby

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The above amendment was proposed and then withdrawn

The Council then returned to the original motion

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Vote on main motion: Roll Call Vote requested by Mr. Zimm.

Motion passed. Mr. Louis Zimm abstained.

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