

Agenda Item C3: Pacific Whiting Utilization in the At-Sea Sectors

Council Action:

- Adopt a Range of Alternatives and a Preliminary Preferred Alternative, as Appropriate

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C.3 ODFW Motion

I move the Council adopt the following Range of Alternatives and **Preliminary Preferred Alternatives** for Pacific whiting utilization for analysis and public review:

1. Whiting Season Start Date (for all whiting sectors, north of 40°30' N lat.)
 - Status Quo: May 15
 - **Alternative 1: May 1, with annual cooperative applications and Salmon Mitigation Plans due 45 days prior to the season start date (PPA)**
2. Mothership Processor Obligation
 - Status Quo: Mothership processor obligation made by November 30 through mothership catcher vessel endorsed limited entry permit renewal
 - **Alternative 1: Remove mothership processor obligation from regulation (PPA)**
3. Mothership Processor Cap
 - Status Quo: 45%
 - Alternative 1: 65%
 - Alternative 2: 85%
 - **Alternative 3: Remove mothership processor cap from regulation (PPA)**
4. Mothership Processor & Catcher/Processor Permit Transfer
 - Status Quo: A vessel cannot be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher/processor permit in the same calendar year
 - **Alternative 1: A vessel can be registered to a mothership permit and a catcher/processor permit in the same calendar year (PPA)**
 - Sub-option A: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher/processor sector up to two times during the calendar year through permit transfer
 - Sub-option B: A vessel can switch between the mothership sector and catcher/processor sector up to four times during the calendar year through permit transfer

- **Sub-option C: Unlimited transfers (PPA)**

Moved by Maggie Sommer; Second by Bob Dooley Motion passed unanimously.

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