

Trailing Amendment/Action Alternatives

Pacific Halibut Trawl Bycatch Mortality
MS/CV Endorsement/Catch History Severability

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.