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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Aleutian Islands Pacific cod Catcher Vessel Allocation/Delivery - Update/Discussion Paper

ESTIMATED TIME:

2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review Discussion Paper

BACKGROUND

At the October 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed a discussion paper on AI Pacific cod CV allocation and delivery requirements. The Council decided to postpone further action on this issue until the February 2014 meeting, given the uncertainty surrounding this fishery relative to:

1. Establishing separate OFLs and ABCs for Pacific cod in the BS and AI during the 2014 fishing season
2. Changes to the AI Pacific cod fishery from the Steller sea lion mitigation measures, and
3. Board of Fish proposal that would increase the State water GHL Pacific cod fishery from 3% to 4.5%

Since October, two of these issues have been resolved. The Council separated OFLs and ABCs for Pacific cod in the BS and AI. The Board of Fish proposal to increase the State water GHL Pacific cod fishery from 3% to 4.5% has been removed from consideration. However, uncertainty surrounding the Steller sea lion mitigation measures remains.

Per the Council's request, the attached discussion paper provides an update on these three issues. In addition, the discussion paper includes information on the state-water GHL fishery for AI Pacific cod, revised catch limit tables for alternative 2 and 3 from the Steller sea lion EIS, the 2013 distribution of AI Pacific cod processing, an update on the Adak shore-based processing facility, and a brief discussion on price negotiations between harvesters and shore-based processors under a regionalized delivery requirement.