

**Final Council Motions 1 and 2
C-4 BSAI Pacific cod Trawl CV
February 7, 2019**

MOTION 1

Move to bifurcate Alternatives 1,2,3, and 6 from Alternatives 4 and 5.

MOTION 2

The Council recommends releasing the analysis for public review with Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 6 (renumber Alternative 6 as Alternative 4). Changes to the purpose and need statement are noted below. Deleted text is in strikethrough; new text is in bold and underline.

*During development of Amendment 80 to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Fishery Management Plan and associated rule making, the Council was silent on the ability of catcher processors defined in Amendment 80 to act as motherships in limited access fisheries. Recent increases of Amendment 80 catcher processors acting as motherships has resulted in an increase in the amount of Pacific cod delivered to Amendment 80 catcher processors, an increase in the number of catcher vessels delivering Pacific cod to motherships, and a decrease in the amount of Pacific cod delivered to shoreside processing facilities. **One American Fisheries Act catcher processor has consistently operated as mothership in the directed BSAI Pacific cod fishery.** The Council is concerned about the impacts of the recent increases and potential for future growth in offshore deliveries of Pacific cod to Amendment 80 vessels or other vessels operating as motherships, and the potential impacts those increases could have on shoreside processors, communities, and participating catcher vessels. The Council intends to address the activity of vessels acting as motherships.*

~~In addition, there are both AFA and non AFA licenses endorsed to fish in the BSAI trawl cod fishery including exempt and non exempt AFA vessels. Information shows a large number of AFA endorsed vessels are not participating, but whose catch history contributes to the AFA Pacific cod sideboard in the Bering Sea trawl cod fishery. Despite a high level of latency, the pace of the fishery has increased shortening the season, resulting in decreased ability to maximize the value of the fishery and negatively impacting fishery participants. Additional entrants could exacerbate these issues and threaten the viability of the fishery. The Council is considering options to improve the prosecution of the fishery, with the intent of promoting safety and increasing the value of the fishery.~~