

Proposed Amendment 120 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

Proposed BSAI FMP text:

1. In Table ES-2, row “License and Permits”, add text as follows:

Catcher/processor vessels receiving and processing Pacific cod harvested by catcher vessels directed fishing using trawl gear in the BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod fishery must qualify for a BSAI Pacific cod trawl mothership endorsement.

2. In Table ES-2, row “License and Permits”, add text as follows:

All Amendment 80 vessels not designated on an Amendment 80 QS permit and an Amendment 80 LLP license or on an Amendment 80 LLP/QS license are prohibited from receiving and processing Pacific cod harvested by a vessel directed fishing for Pacific cod in the BSAI.

3. In Section 3.3.1.3 Species and Gear Endorsements for Vessels Using Trawl Gear, add text as follows:

A catcher/processor vessel receiving and processing Pacific cod harvested by catcher vessels directed fishing using trawl gear in the BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod fishery must hold an area endorsement and groundfish license limitation program (LLP) license with a BSAI Pacific cod trawl mothership endorsement. The following criteria for a groundfish LLP license to qualify for a BSAI Pacific cod trawl mothership endorsement apply:

BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod. A groundfish LLP license must be credited with receiving and processing at least one mothership trip target delivered by a catcher vessel directed fishing using trawl gear in the BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod fishery in each year from 2015 through 2017.

4. Add new Section 3.7.5.8.4 Limitations on Replaced Amendment 80 Vessels, add text as follows:

All Amendment 80 vessels not designated on an Amendment 80 QS permit and an Amendment 80 LLP license or on an Amendment 80 LLP/QS license are prohibited from receiving and processing Pacific cod harvested by a vessel directed fishing for Pacific cod in the BSAI.

5. In Appendix A, add text as follows:

Amendment 120, implemented on (*insert effective date of amendment*):

Allows holders of a groundfish license limitation program (LLP) license endorsed to receive and process Pacific cod harvested by catcher vessels directed fishing using trawl gear in the BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod fishery in the BSAI to use their groundfish LLP license to receive and process Pacific cod harvested by catcher vessels directed fishing using trawl gear in the BSAI non-Community Development Quota Program Pacific cod fishery. Prohibits all Amendment 80 vessels not designated on an Amendment 80 QS permit and an Amendment 80 LLP license or on an Amendment 80 LLP/QS license from receiving and processing Pacific cod harvested by a vessels directed fishing for Pacific cod in the BSAI.

6. Revise the Table of Contents as appropriate.

