

FMP language

Proposed Text to Amend the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska

1. In Table ES-2, row ‘Procedure to set Total Allowable Catch (TAC)’, delete the sentence:

TAC for the “other species” category will be set at 5% of the summed target species TACs.

2. In Section 3.1.2, numbered paragraph “3” beginning “Other Species”, delete the sentence:

The TAC will be less than or equal to 5 percent of the combined TACs for target species.

3. In Section 3.2.5.1, revise the introductory paragraph to read as follows:

A procedure has been developed whereby the Council may set annual harvest levels by specifying a total allowable catch for each groundfish target species or species group and species category on an annual basis. The procedure is used to determine TACs for every groundfish target species or species group, and species category managed by the FMP.

4. In Section 3.2.5.1, revise numbered paragraph “2” to read as follows:

Determine a TAC based on biological and socioeconomic information. The TAC must be less than or equal to the ABC. The TAC may be lower than the ABC if bycatch considerations or socioeconomic considerations cause the Council to establish a lower harvest.

5. In Appendix A.1, revise or include the following paragraphs, in the appropriate order: Amendment 68, implemented December 20, 2006:

- 1. Created a rockfish cooperative program allocating primary rockfish species in the Central GOA to eligible LLP licenses, based on catch history of legal landings of these species*
- 2. Allowed eligible harvesters to fish in a cooperative or in a limited access fishery.*
- 3. Program is authorized from January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2008.*

Amendment 79, implemented _____.

Removed exception by which TAC was determined for the “other species” category. The “other species” category is now subject to the same framework for setting ABC and TAC as other groundfish target species and species groups.