

RC for ACR 25 increase State GHL in area O

An alternative approach to increasing the State GHL would be to increase the current 3% of AI/BS ABC by the amount remaining after the North Pacific Council sets the TAC for AI/BS Pacific cod.

As a result of the two million metric ton overall cap on the allowable catch for the Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea, the council may set the TAC for p-cod well below the ABC, resulting in fish that would be biologically available but otherwise unharvested.

Meeting the ACR standards for review

It could be argued that an unintended consequence of the previous regulation was fish that could be harvested left on the grounds. This would also remove any allocation questions as the council will announce the p-cod TAC at their December meeting.

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