

Proposed Amendment 116 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:

Trawl gear vessels engaged in directed fishing for BSAI TLAS yellowfin sole and delivering to a mothership must qualify for a BSAI TLAS yellowfin sole directed fishery endorsement.

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

A vessel engaged in directed fishing for yellowfin sole in the trawl limited access sector in the BSAI management area using trawl gear and operating as a catcher vessel delivering catch to a mothership or catcher/processor must hold an area endorsement and general license with a trawl limited access sector yellowfin sole directed fishery endorsement. The following criteria for an LLP license to qualify for a trawl limited access sector yellowfin sole directed fishery endorsement apply:

BSAI Trawl Limited Access Sector Yellowfin Sole. An LLP license must be credited with at least one trip target landing of BSAI trawl limited access sector yellowfin sole made by a catcher vessel and delivered to a mothership or catcher/processor from 2008 through 2015. If more than one LLP license is assigned to a catcher vessel that made at least one trip target in the BSAI trawl limited access fishery sector, the vessel owner must specify only one LLP license to receive credit with the landings made by that vessel when more than one LLP license was assigned to the vessel.

3. In Appendix A, add text as follows:

Amendment 116, implemented on (*insert effective date of amendment*):

Allows holders of a license limitation program (LLP) license endorsed to catch groundfish in the BSAI with trawl gear to use their LLP license to catch and deliver to a mothership BSAI TLAS yellowfins sole.

4. Revise the Table of Contents as appropriate.

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