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Customary trade determination - decision tree

Move to adopt Proposal X

1. Is customary trade (noncommercial exchange of fish for minimal amounts of cash) part of the customary and traditional (C&T) pattern of use of the fish stock(s)?

Considerations:
A. Is there a “long-term, consistent pattern” of noncommercial exchange of the fish stock(s) for minimum amounts of cash or another medium of exchange? (C&T Criterion 1)
B. Under what circumstances has noncommercial exchange of fish for cash occurred? What is its role in facilitating distribution of subsistence foods to subsistence users in the area? (C&T Criterion 7)
C. What are the dimensions (amount of resource and amount of cash involved) of the exchanges of fish for cash? Are they noncommercial? (C&T Criterion 3)
D. What products are involved in the exchanges? (C&T Criterion 5)

After discussion, decide if evidence shows that customary trade is part of the C&T pattern for the stock(s). Can be: by consensus or a formal motion and a vote.

If NO, take no action on the proposal.
If YES, proceed to Step 2.

2. Consider regulations.

Considerations:
A. Are there particular fishery conservation, development, or other concerns with respect to this fish stock that provide reasons to not authorize customary trade?
B. What conservation, development, or other concerns need to be addressed in the regulations?
C. For which species should the regulations apply?
D. What permit and/or reporting requirements are necessary for tracking and enforcement?
E. What limits are necessary to prevent the practice from being commercial?
   i. Are cumulative dollar limits necessary?
   ii. Are limits on each exchange necessary?
   iii. Should customary trade transactions be restricted to within the area?
   iv. Consider limits/restrictions on re-sale, and on involvement of commercial enterprises and license holders in the exchanges.

3. Amend proposal (as necessary) and vote.