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Sustainable Fisheries Management

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The Role of Alaska in Federal Fisheries Management

- **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**
 - **Cooperative Management**
 - **Research**



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The Council, NOAA and the Magnuson Stevens Act

The Council recommends policies & NOAA reviews and implements them...

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires balancing many factors, including...

"Achieving ... the optimum yield from each fishery" ...

"Fair and equitable" allocation...

"Sustained participation of communities" ...

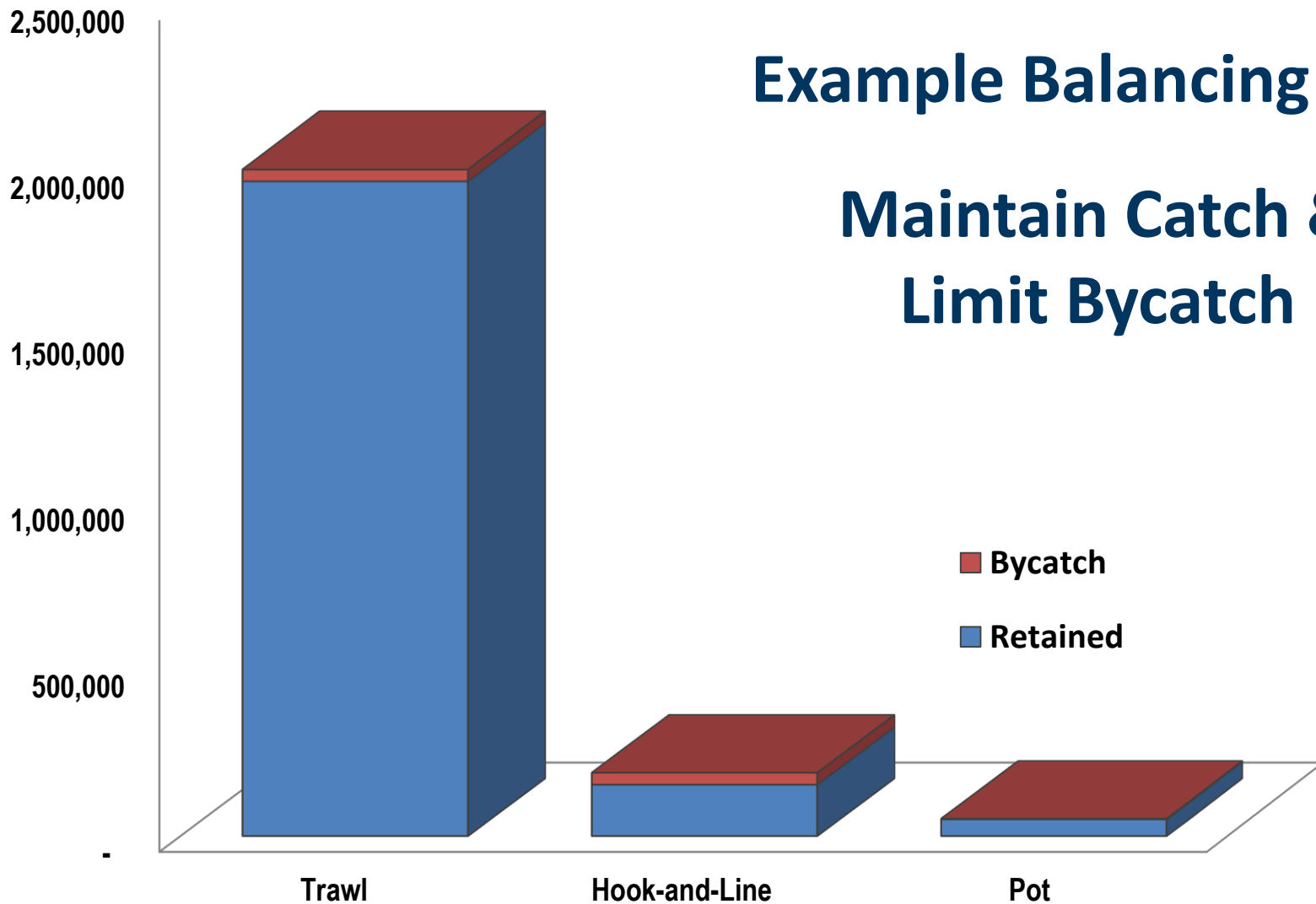
Minimizing bycatch "to the extent practicable" ...

and other factors

2016 Groundfish Catch by Gear in Federal Fisheries Off Alaska

Example Balancing Act:

**Maintain Catch &
Limit Bycatch**



Keys to Successful Management off Alaska

- Science & research
- Stick with scientific advice
- Stakeholder involvement
- Effective monitoring, accounting, and enforcement
- Limits on fishing capacity
- Conservative and strict catch and bycatch limits
- Precautionary approach to address uncertainty
- Habitat protection
- Ecosystem considerations



The Council and NOAA -- Continue to Innovate

A Recent Effort

- Enhance Monitoring & Provide Flexibility for Small Vessels





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Information & Contacts

- **NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region**
www.noaa.alaskafisheries.gov
- **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**
www.npfmc.org
- **State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game**
www.adfg.Alaska.gov
- **International Pacific Halibut Commission**
www.iphc.int