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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
November 30 – December 1, 2015
ALASKA PENINSULA, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS-BERING SEA, CHIGNIK PACIFIC COD
Anchorage, AK

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

(This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

Board Members Present

Tom Kluberton, Chair	John Jensen, Vice-Chair
Fritz Johnson	Sue Jeffrey
Orville Huntington	Reed Morisky
Robert Mumford	

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action, T=Tabled

Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Pacific Cod (21)

SUBJECT (# Proposals)			<i>Audio tracking info*</i>
Action	Proposal	Description	
CHIGNIK PACIFIC COD (9 proposals)			
N/A (7-0)	1	Add purse seine gear as an additional gear type to share the 10 percent mechanical jigging machine and hand troll (jig) gear allocation in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery. <i>No action based on lacking statutory authority.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:30:27</i>
N/A	2	Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. <i>This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:38:18</i>
N/A	3	Apportion the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length. <i>No action based on lacking statutory authority.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:41:40</i>
F (0-7)	4	Establish daily pot gear fishing periods for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:43:36</i>
C (7-0)	5	Change date that gear limits may be removed in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:48:12</i>



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F (0-7)	6	Include a change in designation of Chignik Area from a superexclusive registration area to a nonexclusive registration area after October 30 in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 2:57:15
C/A (7-0)	7	Change pot storage regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery. <i>The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC 31.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 3:18:28
F (1-6)	8	Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel.	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 3:25:27
T	9	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area. <i>The board expressed its interest in considering this proposal pursuant to determining the impacts of a Section 7 consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service. The board tabled the proposal until impacts of a Section 7 consultation are understood.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 3:37:44
SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA PACIFIC COD (4 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	10	Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:31:05
N/A	11	Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 40 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch. <i>No action based on action taken on Proposal 10.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:40:27
N/A	12	Apportion the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length. <i>No action based on lacking statutory authority.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:40:52
C/A (7-0)	13	Resolve conflict in pot storage regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery. <i>The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC 31.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:42:09
BERING SEA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS PACIFIC COD (8 Proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	14	Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable biological catch for subareas of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area. <i>The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC40.</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:01:45
C/A (7-0)	15	Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery boundaries and increase the state-waters fishery guideline harvest level from three percent to nine percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch. <i>Amended to increase the GHL to 6.4 percent of the federal Bering Sea subarea acceptable biological catch and expand the western fishing boundary to 170 W</i>	12-01-15_bof_pcod: 4:07:17



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		<i>long with the exception of “no fishing areas” as established in 50 CFR 679 -Table 12, and 3 nautical mile haul out closures in Table 5 as well as closed waters in western portion of area.</i>	
N/A	16	Increase guideline harvest level for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery from three percent to seven percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 15.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:17:44</i>
F (0-7)	17	Increase the vessel size limit from 58 to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:18:13</i>
C/A (7-0)	18	Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management. <i>Amended to remove references to 5 AAC 28.647(d) based on actions taken on Proposal 14.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:20:49</i>
N/A	19	Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod B season based on remaining guideline harvest level. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 14.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:24:36</i>
C (7-0)	20	Define waters between 175° W long to 178° W long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:25:58</i>
C/A (7-0)	21	Update state-waters Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with current federal references for Steller sea lion protection. <i>The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC27.</i>	<i>12-01-15_bof_pcod: 5:27:51</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “bof_worksession_10_15_14” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business:

- There were no items handled under miscellaneous business.