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Substitute Language for Proposal 37

5 AAC 28.6XX. Aleutian Islands Atka Mackerel State-Waters Fishery Management Plan.

(a) This management plan governs the harvest of Atka mackerel in the Aleutian Islands District from 172° W. long. to 177° W. long.

(b) The Atka mackerel state-waters season opens January 1, and closes when the guideline harvest level is achieved or December 31, whichever occurs first.

(c) Atka mackerel may only be taken by purse seine gear as described in 5 AAC 09.332.

(d) During a state-waters season,

(1) the guideline harvest level for Atka mackerel is 10 percent of the acceptable biological catch of Atka mackerel for the federal Eastern Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea District;

(2) a vessel registered to take Atka mackerel may not be longer than 60 feet in overall length;

(3) a vessel owner or operator must report, as specified in the registration form, to the local representative of the department by radio, telephone, or electronic mail

(A) the pounds of Atka mackerel retained on the vessel during the previous 24-hour period; and

(B) any other information that the commissioner determines is necessary for the management and conservation of the fishery;

(4) registration may occur only in person or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail to the department office in Dutch Harbor;

(5) federal fishery management measures for the protection of Steller sea lions are imposed as specified in Table 12 to 50 CFR 679 and the Seguam Foraging Area specified at 50 CFR 679.22 (a)(8)(i) as of January 1, 2011;

(6) a vessel operator must complete a logbook; a logbook will be provided by the department at the time of registration and must be filled out completely after each purse seine set; signed copies of the logbook must be received by the department office in Dutch Harbor in person or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail within seven days after each landing;

(7) the commissioner may require onboard observers, at the department's expense, on a vessel during fishing operations.

(8) On Adak Island the waters of Kuluk Bay west of a line from Zeto Point ($51^{\circ} 54.45'$ N lat, $176^{\circ} 33.66'$ W long) to Mid Point ($51^{\circ} 50.73'$ N lat, $176^{\circ} 32.97'$ W long) and waters of Hidden Bay north of $51^{\circ} 41.42'$ N lat. are closed to fishing for Atka mackerel. On Kagalaska Island the waters of Quail Bay north of $51^{\circ} 44.42'$ N lat. are closed to fishing for Atka mackerel.

(e) In this section, "overall length" means the straight line length between extremities of the vessel, including anchor rollers.