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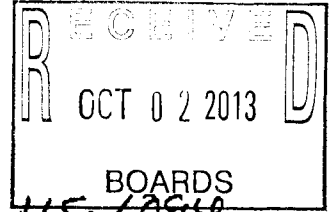
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Review of Federal Issues for Board of Fish Proposals, October 18 to 24

Area	#	Proposal	Proposed by	Concerns for Federal Fisheries	Change harvest specifications	Stellar sea lion	Change PSC	Change catch accounting/ eLandings	Impact observer coverage	FMP or Regulatory amendment, other notes
State wide	1	Est. TAC definition, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Chignik	2	Increase GHU off 3 areas, 10 year ave	Alexis Kwiatko	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	Harvest specifications
Chignik	3	Increase GHU Chignik, 17.5%	Alays Kopun	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	Harvest specifications
Chignik	4	Increase GHU Chignik, 17%	Rachel Allen	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	Harvest specifications
Chignik	5	Increase GHU, State waters catch	Deon Anderson	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	Harvest specifications
Cook Inlet	6	Open for longline July 15	Dia Kurmia	No	No	May need to reconstr	Yes	Yes, minimal	No	No
Kodiak, Chignik, SAP	7	Landings, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Chignik	8	Pot limit, >50 ft to 50% of pot GHU	Rachel Allen	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	9	Pot daily slip limit 20,000 lbs	Tony Gregorio	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	10	Decrease pot limit from 60 to 30	City of Chignik	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	11	Fishing day 6 am to 8 pm	City of Chignik	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	12	Pot size decreased	Tony Gregorio	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	13	Roller date from Oct 30 to Aug 14	City of Chignik	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	May decrease federal pot catch
	14	Remove superexclusive for jig	Arthur Schultz	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	15	Jig from Mar 15 to Mar 7, limit jig size	City of Chignik	No	No	No	No	Yes, minimal	No	No
South AK Peninsula (SAP)	16	Fish BS GHU in new SAP, some as 17	Raymond Nutt	Yes	Yes	May need to reconstr	Yes	Yes, major	Yes	Harvest specifications and Council may need to change sector allocations
	17	Fish BS GHU in new SAP, some as 16	Peninsula pot fishermen	Yes	Yes	May need to reconstr	Yes	Yes, major	Yes	
	18	Increase GHU 25% to 50%	King Cove Adv. Com.	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	
	19	Increase GHU 25% to 50%	Raymond Nutt	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	
	20	Increase GHU 25% to 50%	Peninsula pot fishermen	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	
	21	Increase GHU 25% to 55%	False Pass Adv. Com.	Yes	Decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	
	22	Superexclusive from exclusive	Raymond Nutt	No	No	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	
	23	Open pot Mar 12 or 7 days after Fed.	False Pass Adv. Com.	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	24	Open pot Mar 12 or 7 days after Fed.	Kiley Thompson/Dwain Foster	No	No	No	No	Yes, minimal	No	
	25	Weather delay, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	Yes, minimal	No	
	26	Pot storage, same as 27	Corey Wilson	No	No	No	No	Yes, minimal	No	
	27	Pot storage, same as 26	Kiley Thompson/Dwain Foster	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	28	Trawl closure, Cation, Sanak for crab	Kiley Thompson/Dwain Foster	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Aleutian Islands	29	Increase GHU 3% to 4.5% BSAI ABC	Adel - ADC	Yes	May decrease TAC	May need to reconstr	Yes	No	Yes	Harvest specifications
Aleutian Islands	30	Clarify A, B rollover, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Aleutian Islands	31	Bycatch limits - max. retainable amounts	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Aleutian Islands	32	Clarify State/Fed seasons, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Aleutian Islands	33	AI SSI/EPI, housekeeping	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bering Sea	34	Masterplan of GHU	ADF&G	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bering Sea	35	New Bering Sea GHU for pot/jig	Jeff Steele	No	No	No	No	No	No	Add Saguam Foraging Area, 50 CFR 679 Table 12
Bering Sea	36	New Bering Sea GHU for pot/jig	Matt Hegge	Yes	May decrease TAC	Include Bogusky Exemption Area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harvest specifications
AI - Atka mackerel	37	State waters fishery for seine gear	King Cove Adv. Com. Board of Fish	Yes	May decrease TAC	Include Bogusky Exemption Area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harvest specifications
				Yes	Increase to 2% and lower TAC for ABO, BSAI travel limited	Increase to 2% and lower TAC for ABO, BSAI travel limited	No	Include seine gear catch	No	No

Notes
 1. Bold means proposed by the ADF&G or Board of Fish
 2. Italics and shaded means concerns for Federal fisheries
 3. Changes harvest specifications - In the GOA, usually TAC is set at ABC minus GHU. In the BSAI, the TAC may be set less than ABC minus GHU. BSAI Pacific cod is expected to have separate 2014 BS and AJ DFLs, ABCs.
 4. Changes in Stellar sea lions - Changes to Pacific cod harvest may require reconstr.
 5. Changes to prohibited species catch (PSC) status - Changes to gear catching Pacific cod may change PSC.
 6. Impact observer coverage - Federal observer coverage is not required in GHU fisheries (unless retaining IFQ/CDQ halibut or IFO sablefish).
 7. FMP or Regulatory amendments - The Council may decide to change Federal Pacific cod sector allocations if reduced TAC prevents a sector's directed fishery.

Status Quo**Western GOA 2013 Pacific cod Sector splits with 25% ABC as GHJ**

Regulatory area and Sector	ABC is 28,280 mt	Annual TAC is 21,210	Seasonal Allowances		
			A season (60%)	B season (40%)	Total
		% of Annual TAC	Total mt	% of Annual TAC	Total mt
Western GOA		21,210			
Jig (2.5%)		530	2.50%	318	N/A
	Non-jig TAC	20,680	97.50%		212
Hook-and-line CV		290	0.70%	145	0.70%
Hook-and-line C/P		4,095	10.90%	2,254	8.90%
Trawl CV		7,941	27.70%	5,728	10.70%
Trawl C/P		496	0.90%	186	1.50%
All Pot CV and C/P		7,858	19.80%	4,095	18.20%
Total			60.00%	12,726	40.00%

Western GOA 2013 Pacific cod Sector splits with 50% ABC as GHJ

Regulatory area and Sector	ABC is 28,280 mt	Annual TAC is 14,140	Seasonal Allowances		
			A season (60%)	B season (40%)	Total
		% of Annual TAC	Total mt	% of Annual TAC	Total mt
Western GOA		14,140			
Jig (2.5%)		354	2.50%	212	N/A
	Non-jig TAC	13,787	97.50%		141
Hook-and-line CV		193	0.70%	97	0.70%
Hook-and-line C/P		2,730	10.90%	1,503	8.90%
Trawl CV		5,294	27.70%	3,819	10.70%
Trawl C/P		331	0.90%	124	1.50%
All Pot CV and C/P		5,239	19.80%	2,730	18.20%
Total			60.00%	8,484	40.00%

Western GOA 2013 Pacific cod Sector splits with 55% ABC as GHJ

Regulatory area and Sector	ABC is 28,280 mt	Annual TAC is 12,726	Seasonal Allowances		
			A season (60%)	B season (40%)	Total
		% of Annual TAC	Total mt	% of Annual TAC	Total mt
Western GOA		12,726			
Jig (2.5%)		318	2.50%	191	N/A
	Non-jig TAC	12,408	97.50%		127
Hook-and-line CV		174	0.70%	87	0.70%
Hook-and-line C/P		2,457	10.90%	1,352	8.90%
Trawl CV		4,765	27.70%	3,437	10.70%
Trawl C/P		298	0.90%	112	1.50%
All Pot CV and C/P		4,715	19.80%	2,457	18.20%
Total			60.00%	7,636	40.00%

Status Quo**Central GOA 2013 Pacific cod Sector splits with 25% of ABC as GHL**

Regulatory area and Sector	Annual TAC Is 35,966	Seasonal Allowances			
		A season (60%)		B season (40%)	
ABC Is 49,288 mt		% of Annual TAC	Total mt	% of Annual TAC	Total mt
Central GOA	36,966				
Jig	739	2.00%	444	N/A	296
Non-jig TAC	36,227	98.00%			
Hook-and-line <50 CV	5,290	9.32%	3,375	5.29%	1,915
Hook-and-line ≥50 CV	2,430	5.61%	2,032	1.10%	398
Hook-and-line C/P	1,849	4.11%	1,488	1.00%	361
Trawl CV	15,065	21.14%	7,657	20.45%	7,408
Trawl C/P	1,521	2.00%	726	2.19%	795
All Pot CV and C/P	10,073	17.83%	6,459	9.98%	3,614
Total		60.00%	22,180	40.00%	14,786

Based on Proposals 2 and 3**Central GOA 2013 Pacific cod Sector splits with 44.25% of ABC as GHL**

Regulatory area and Sector	Annual TAC Is 21,810	Seasonal Allowances			
		A season (60%)		B season (40%)	
ABC Is 49,288 mt		% of Annual TAC	Total mt	% of Annual TAC	Total mt
Central GOA	21,810				
Jig	436	2.00%	262	N/A	174
Non-jig TAC	21,374	98.00%			
Hook-and-line <50 CV	3,121	9.32%	1,991	5.29%	1,130
Hook-and-line ≥50 CV	1,433	5.61%	1,199	1.10%	235
Hook-and-line C/P	1,091	4.11%	878	1.00%	213
Trawl CV	8,888	21.14%	4,517	20.45%	4,371
Trawl C/P	897	2.00%	428	2.19%	469
All Pot CV and C/P	5,943	17.83%	3,811	9.98%	2,132
Total		60.00%	13,086	40.00%	8,724

**Alaska Region discussion of fishery impacts from
October 18-22, 2013 BOF proposals**

Proposal 1: No Impact

Proposal 2 – 5:

1. An increased GHL would require a change in harvest specification total allowable catch (TAC) tables.
2. An increased GHL may not allow enough TAC to manage smaller Federal GOA Pacific cod allocations.
3. An increased GHL may allow more harvest in Steller Sea Lion (SSL) areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries. (i.e. The State does not currently follow 50 CFR 679, Table 5 closure areas in the GOA GHL fisheries.)

Proposal 6:

1. NMFS would need to create a catch accounting system (CAS) account for hook-and-line gear.
2. It may cause issues with prohibited species catch (PSC). For example, if the hook-and-line halibut PSC limit is reached and it is necessary to close hook-and-line gear due to halibut PSC.

Proposal 7: No impact

Proposal 8 - 12:

1. These may slow down the pace of the fishery causing more overlap in dates of Federal and State fisheries. This would be a minor impact since overlapping fisheries are already dealt with in some areas.

Proposal 13:

1. It would cause overlap in dates of Federal and State fisheries. This would be a minor impact since overlapping fisheries are already dealt with in some areas.

Proposal 14:

1. It may potentially increase participation in State Jig fisheries in other areas. No impact on Federal fisheries.

Proposal 15:

1. The State fishery may potentially be harvested at a faster rate. No impact on Federal fisheries.

Proposal 16 - 17:

1. These proposals would base part of the Western GOA GHL fishery area on the BSAI ABC. It is unclear if it would be a separate GHL fishery or if it would be combined with a State GHL Bering

Sea fishery (should it be created). If the State includes part of the Western GOA In Bering Sea fishery but takes a portion of the BSAI ABC to set the Bering Sea fishery then NMFS will have no way to determine how much GHL will be harvested from BS vs WGOA. Since NMFS will have no way to determine where the catch may occur then the State GHL will need to be deducted from both the WGOA ABC and the BSAI ABC before setting the TAC. If it is a separate GHL fishery then NMFS would have to deduct the GHL from the WGOA ABC regardless of whether or not the WGOA GHL was derived from the BSAI ABC.

2. It may potentially allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries.
3. It would require changes to the CAS to accommodate new area description and catch accounting.

Proposal 18 - 21:

1. An increased GHL would require a change in harvest specification TAC tables.
2. An increased GHL may not allow enough TAC to manage smaller Federal GOA Pacific cod allocations.
3. An increased GHL may allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries. (i.e. State does not currently follow 50 CFR 679, Table 5 closure areas in the GOA GHL fisheries.)

Proposal 22:

1. Change in registration may potentially lower participation in State Pacific cod fishery which may cause overlap in dates of Federal/State fisheries. This would be a minor impact since overlapping fisheries are already dealt with in some areas.

Proposal 23:

1. The start date of the South AK Peninsula Pacific cod fishery would change to seven days after closure of the Federal fishery. This would eliminate chance of overlap in dates of Federal and State fisheries. No impact on Federal fishery.

Proposal 24:

1. The start date of the South AK Peninsula Pacific cod fishery would change to seven days after closure of Federal fishery or on March 12 whichever comes later. This may cause overlap in dates of Federal and State fisheries. This would be a minor impact since overlapping fisheries are already dealt with in some areas.

Proposal 25: No impact

Proposal 26 - 27:

1. This may create a situation where pot gear is being stored inside three miles while the Federal fishery is occurring. This would be more of an enforcement issue as there may be both pot fishing in the parallel fishery and pots being stored for the State fishery inside three miles. However, there are other areas in the GOA that already operate under these regulations.

Proposal 28:

1. This would close two areas to non-pelagic trawl gear. No impact to Federal fisheries.

Proposal 29:

1. An increased GHL would require a change in the harvest specification TAC tables.
2. An increased GHL may not allow enough TAC to open directed fishing for the Federal Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fisheries.
3. It may allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries. (i.e. State follows 50 CFR 679, Table 5 closure areas from 2004).

Proposal 30: ADF&G housekeeping proposal. No impact.

Proposal 31:

1. This potentially allows for the State to set their own bycatch limits (maximum retainable amounts (MRAs)) inside three miles instead of following Federal MRAs.

Proposal 32: ADF&G housekeeping proposal. No impact.

Proposal 33:

1. The way the proposal currently is written, Federal regulations for the Seguam Foraging Area and Table 12 (no fishing/no transit zones which includes Kanaga Island/Ship Rock) would be referenced in ADF&G regulation to NMFS most current regulations instead of to a specific *Federal Register* citation. Table 5 would still reference NMFS 2004 SSL regulations. No federal fisheries impact.

Proposal 34:

1. This would prevent creation or expansion of BSAI State Pacific cod fisheries unless they undergo a more rigorous review process. No federal impact.

Proposal 35-36:

1. Increased GHL may require a change in the harvest specification TAC tables.
2. A new State GHL fishery would require an additional account created in the CAS.
3. It may allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries. If they mirror South AK Peninsula regulations then only Table 12 SSL closures would be applied to the GHL fishery.

4. The State may open the Federal Bogoslof exemption area to the Bering Sea State GHL fishery then the 113 mt annual TAC limit for that area may be exceeded.
1. The State may allow pot fishing in the Bogoslof exemption area which is currently prohibited under Federal regulation. Federal regulations allow directed fishing for Pacific cod by catcher vessels less than 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA using jig or hook-and-line gear.
2. The State may open all of the Bogoslof area that is currently closed to Pacific cod directed fishing under Federal regulation.

Proposal 37:

1. An Atka mackerel GHL may require change in the harvest specification TAC tables.
2. A new State GHL would require an additional account created in the CAS.
3. The GHL fishery would follow SSL regulations in the Seguam Foraging Area and Table 12. No other SSL regulations would apply since NMFS does not address the use of seine gear.
4. Other Federal Atka mackerel sector allocations would have decreased TACs (Amendment 80 and BSAI trawl limited access).

BOF proposals for later meeting dates**Proposal 43:**

1. An increase in GHLs would require a change in the harvest specification TAC tables.
2. It may not allow enough TAC to manage other GOA trawl fisheries.
3. It may allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries.
4. It may violate Federal regulations enforcing season dates.
5. It may cause PSC concerns such as an increase in salmon bycatch.

Proposal 44:

1. Would require a change in the harvest specification TAC tables.
2. May not leave enough TAC to manage Central GOA Federal pollock allocations.
3. May allow more harvest in SSL areas closed by Federal regulation but open during State fisheries.
4. May violate Federal regulations enforcing season dates.
5. May cause PSC concerns such as an increase in salmon bycatch.

Proposal 45:

1. Would require 100% observer coverage in all trawl fisheries inside State waters in the Central GOA. However, the State currently does not have a groundfish observer program so NMFS may be asked to be responsible for providing observers.

Proposal 101:

1. It would close Alitak Bay to all trawl fishing. No impact to federal fisheries.

Proposal 102:

1. It would close an undefined area of ADF&G's Kodiak area to non-pelagic trawl. Impact on Federal fisheries depends on the exact area to be closed.

Proposal 342:

1. It changes the start date of the State Tanner crab GHL fishery from January 15 to January 3. This may potentially cause earlier participation in the Federal Western GOA pot Pacific cod fishery than in recent years. This would cause minimal Federal impact as NMFS should be able to react appropriately inseason.

Proposal 349:

1. It changes the Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab fishery dates from August 15 – May 15 to May 15 – February 15 which does not match up with NMFS IFQ crab seasons.