

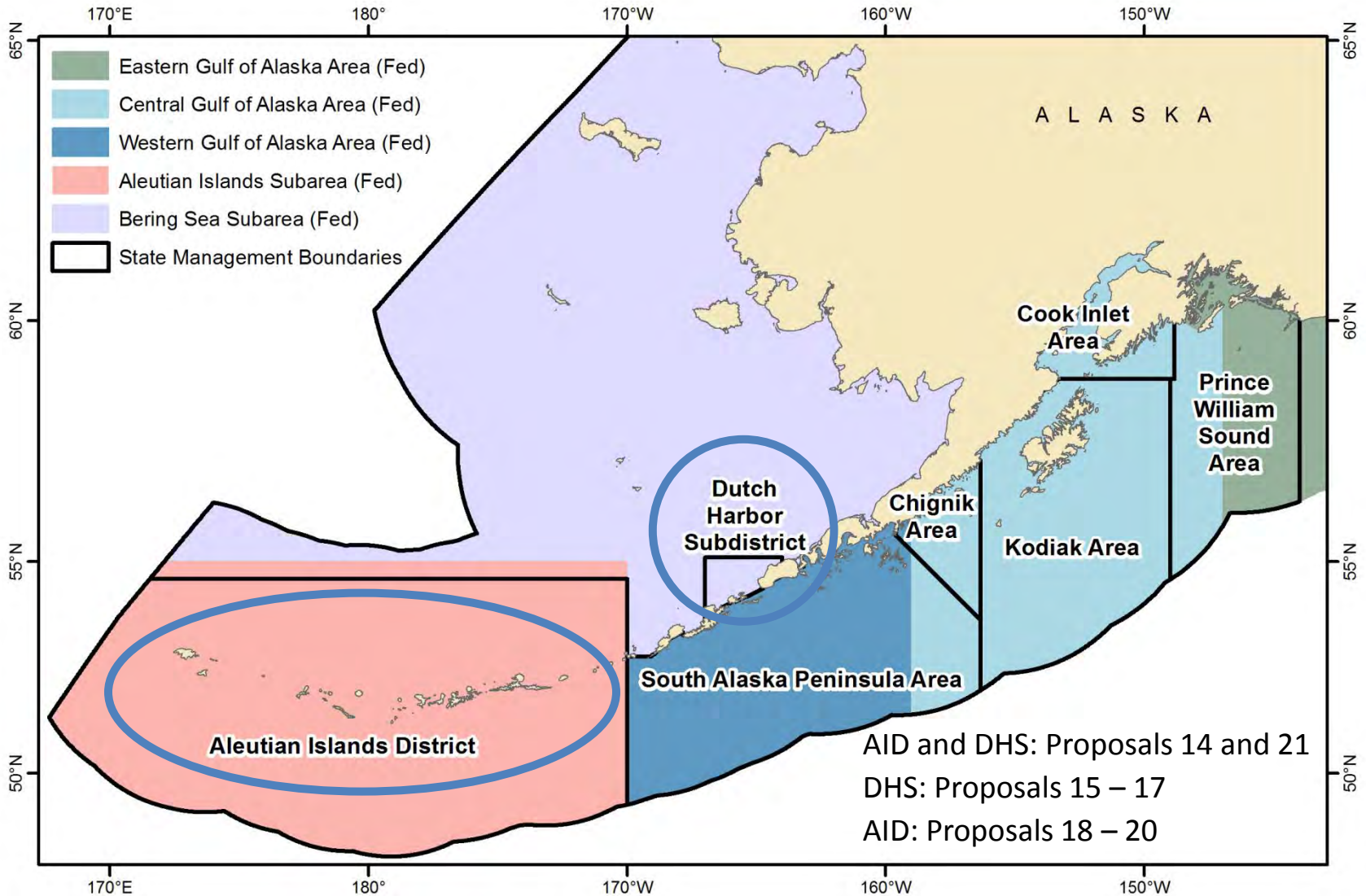
Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Pacific cod

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Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Registration Area O



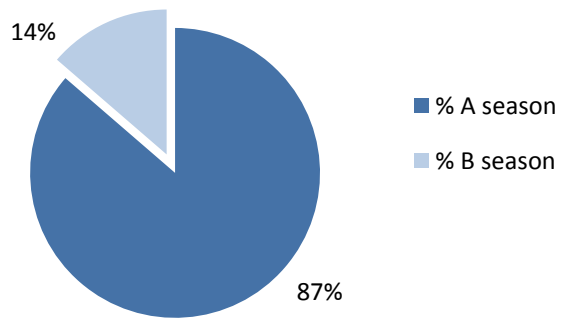
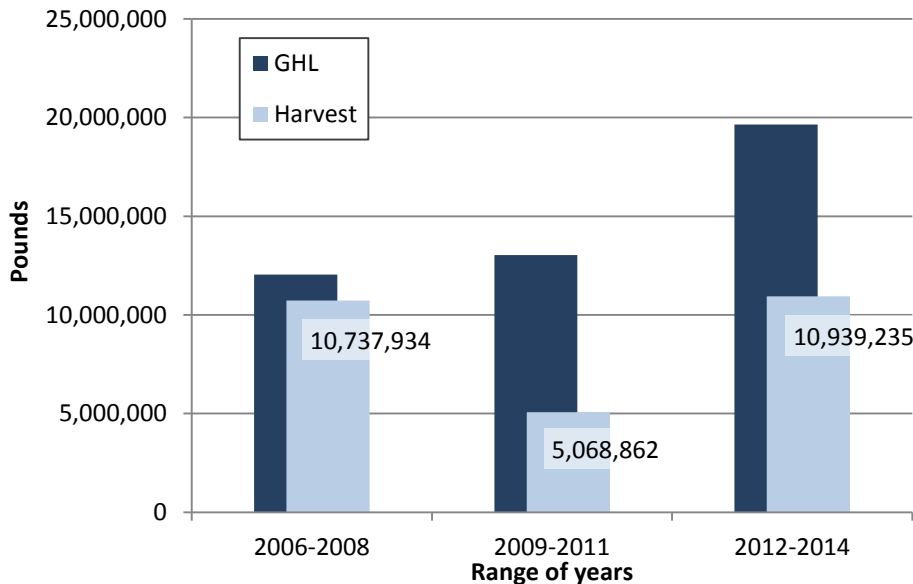
Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS)



- Fishery began 2014
- GHL = 3% of federal BSAI ABC
- Vessel length ≤ 58 feet
- Pot gear only, 60 pots/vessel

Year	Vessels	GHL	Harvest
2014	16	17,871,524	17,666,510
2015	14	18,036,869	17,636,103

Aleutian Islands District (AID)



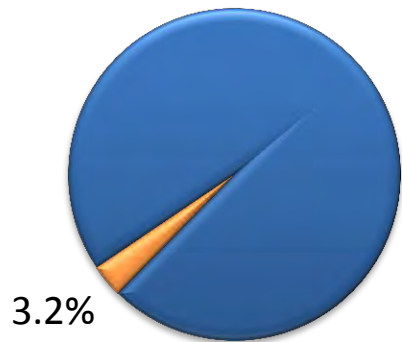
Percent annual harvest by season
(2006-2014)

- Fishery began 2006
- GHL = 3% of federal BSAI ABC
 - A season = 70%
 - B season = 30% + rollover from A season
- Trawl, pot, longline, and jig
- 175° to 178° W long has different dates / vessel lengths
- Fishery affected by changes in
 - AID fishery regulations (5 AAC 28.647)
 - Federal fishery management
 - Processor availability

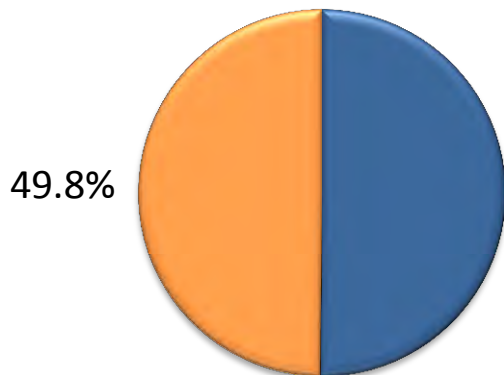
Proposal 14 (AID and DHS)

Calculate state-waters GHL based on federal subarea ABC

Average 2014 and 2015
DHS GHL percent of
Bering Sea subarea ABC



Average 2014 and 2015
AID GHL percent of
Aleutian Islands subarea ABC

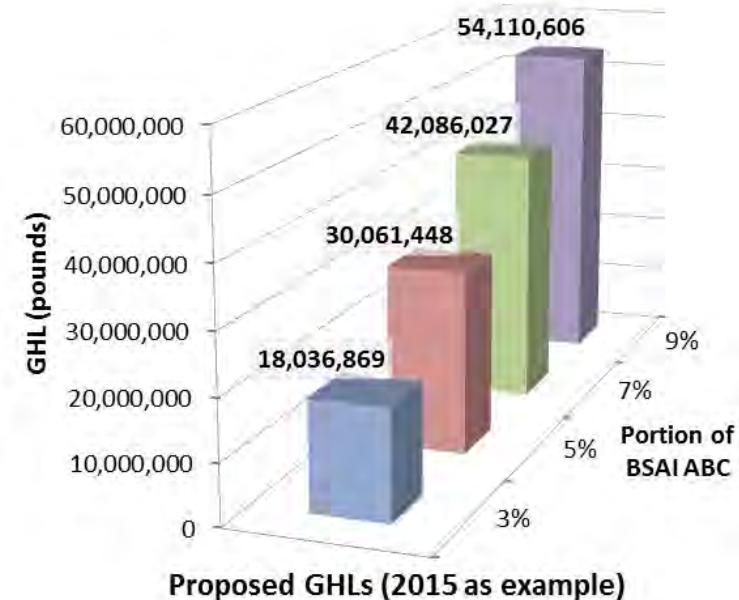
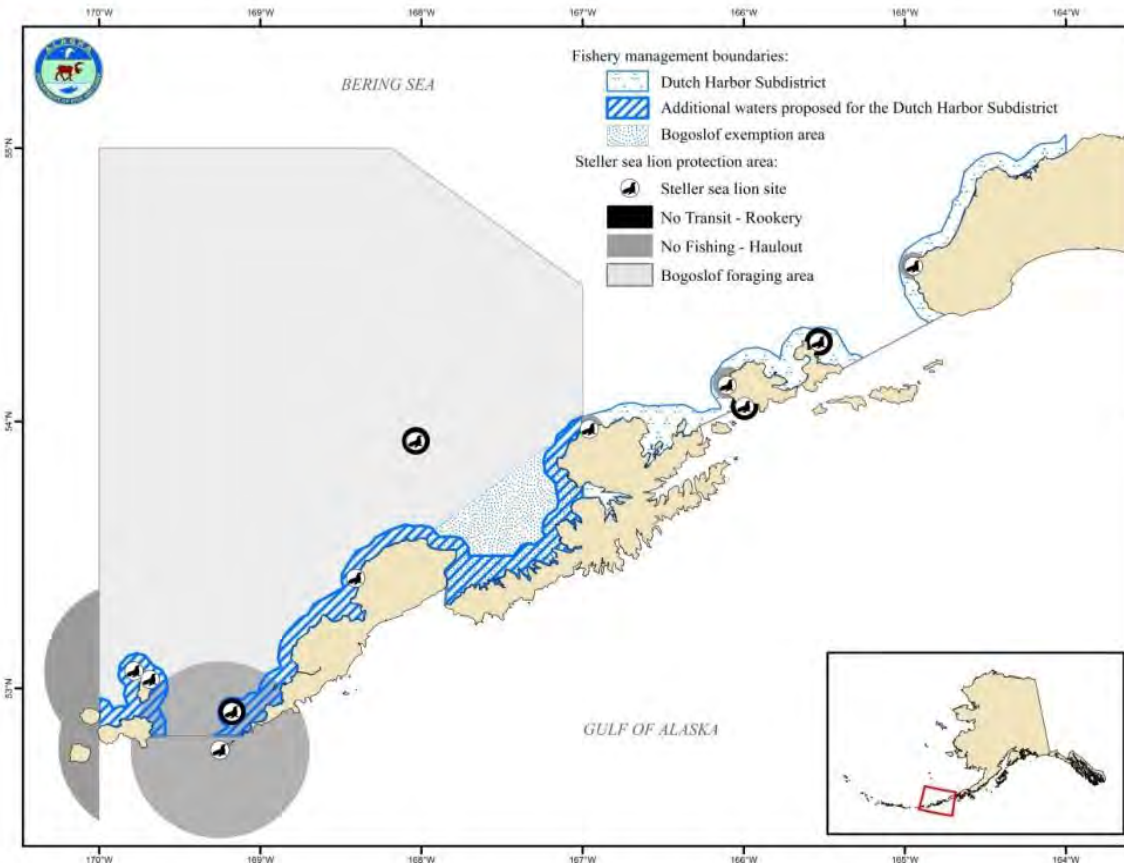


- Beginning 2014, ABCs separated by federal subarea
 - Bering Sea subarea
 - Aleutian Islands subarea
- Current GHLs
 - AID = 3% combined BSAI ABC
 - DHS = 3% combined BSAI ABC
- Proposed GHLs
 - AID = __% of Aleutian Islands subarea ABC
 - DHS = __% of Bering Sea subarea ABC

Proposals 15 and 16 (DHS)

Proposal 15: Broaden geographical area and increase GHL to 9% of BSAI ABC

Proposal 16: Increase GHL (stair-step) to 5% then 7% of BSAI ABC



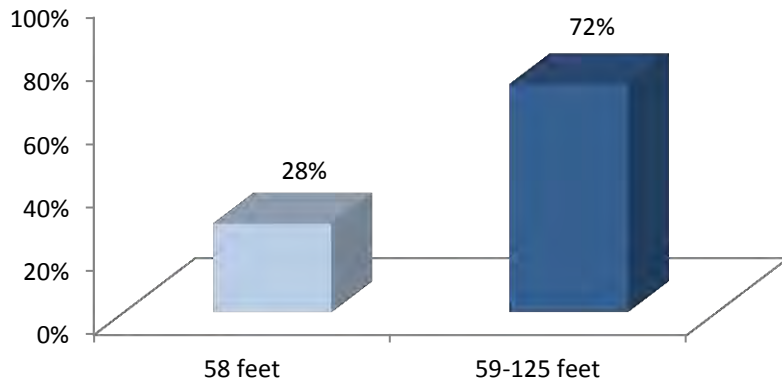
Recommend basing GHL on Bering Sea subarea ABC

Proposal 17 (DHS)

Increase state-waters vessel size limit from 58 feet to 125 feet

- Parallel fishery open to larger pot vessels if federal season is open
- Holding capacity highly variable between vessels

**Percent of vessels that average
>100,000 pounds/landing**



BSAI, 2011-2015 federal/parallel fishery

Proposal 18 (AID)

Modify seasons to reflect changes in recent federal management



- Federal management
 - Separate ABCs for AI and BS subareas
 - Harvesting sectors combined for BSAI area
- This proposal
 - Retain status quo initial area-wide A season opening + open after federal AI subarea closes
 - Remove April 1 A-season closure
 - Remove September 1 B-season closure
 - Provide department flexibility to open/close season

Proposal 19 (AID)

Modify vessel size limit for longline gear during B season

- Current B season vessel size limits
 - June 10 – July 31: 60 feet for all gear types
 - Beginning Aug 1: 125 feet for pot gear, 60 feet for all other gear types
- In past 5 years
 - Participation = 0 to 7 vessels
 - Unharvested B season GHL (average) = 10 million pounds (including rollovers)
- In past 10 years
 - B season GHL reached in 2 seasons
- This proposal
 - Lift vessel size limit for longline gear on August 1 if >50% of GHL remains, or
 - Lift vessel size limit for longline gear on September 1 if any GHL remains



Proposal 20 (AID)

Define Adak Section

- Waters between 175° and 178° W long = “Adak Section” of AID fishery
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Proposal 21 (AID and DHS)

Update Steller sea lion references

- Closed areas are now the same for federal/parallel and state-waters fisheries
- *Exception:* Kanaga Island/Ship Rock closure differs

Questions?

