

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of Board Member Kluberton

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Substitute Language for Proposal 7

5 AAC 28.532(a) and (b)(1) are amended to read:

5 AAC 28.532. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Chignik Area. (a) Except as specified in (c) of this section or during a state-waters season for Pacific cod, rectangular groundfish pots with all bait and bait containers removed and with all doors secured fully open, and cone or pyramid groundfish pots with all bait and bait containers removed and all doors not secured closed may be stored in water not more than 25 fathoms deep.

(b) Following the closure of a parallel season or state-waters season for Pacific cod, all groundfish pot gear used by a vessel registered to fish Pacific cod must be removed from the water, except that

(1) [RECTANGULAR] groundfish pots may be stored as described in (a) of this section; or

5 AAC 28.537(h)(2)(E) is amended to read:

5 AAC 28.537. Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.

(h) During a state-waters season,

...

(E) notwithstanding 5 AAC 28.532(a), during the seven days immediately following the opening of the state-waters season, an operator of a vessel registered to fish for Pacific cod may store or transport groundfish pots in excess of the pot limit established in (A) of this paragraph if the pots are

- (i) stored in waters not more than 25 fathoms deep as described in 5 AAC 28.532(a); or
- (ii) being transported on board the vessel and are not marked with identification tags.