

PROPOSAL 10

5 AAC 28.648. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Extend the eastern boundary of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict, as follows:

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(a) This management plan governs the harvest of Pacific cod in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict. For the purposes of this section, the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict is comprised of the state waters in the Aleutian Islands District east of 170° W. long. and the state waters of the Bering Sea District that are west of **162° 30' W. long.**[164° W. long.], east of 170° W. long., and south of 55° 30' N. lat., except that the waters of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict south of 53° 06.11' N. lat. are closed to taking Pacific cod during a state-waters season.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We would like to provide local BSAI vessels expanded opportunity to harvest Pacific cod in State-waters more accessible to the local fishing communities. The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod fishery has been tremendously successful, in that the GHF has been easily achieved, and the fishery gives the local under 60 foot vessel pot gear fleet an opportunity to fish locally. Expanding the fishing area up the beach northeast to Moffet Point will create more opportunity for local vessels, and provide much needed cod for the local shore-based processors.

PROPOSED BY: King Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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