



Alaska Board of Fisheries
CHIGNIK, ALASKA PENINSULA, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, and
BERING SEA PACIFIC COD
October 27-28, 2022
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Preliminary Actions Taken

Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan (4 proposals)

CA **PROPOSAL 1.** Coordinate season opening dates, clarify reporting and landing requirements, and require pot vessels to deliver their catch prior to hauling stored gear after the fishery closure. *Amended with RC 10 as substitute language. Vote: 7-0*

CA **PROPOSAL 2.** Restrict legal gear to pot and mechanical jigging machines, increase pot limit, and limit total harvest by vessels greater than 58 feet in length. *Amended with RC 17 as substitute language. Amended with RC 17 as substitute language. Clarification was made that the language for 5 AAC 28.647 (c)(2)(A) in RC 17 will supersede the language of the same section adopted earlier in Proposal 1. Vote: 7-0*

NA **PROPOSAL 3.** Change season start date from March 15 to March 1 for trawl gear vessels over 60 feet in length. *The board took no action based on the action on Proposal 2.*

NA **PROPOSAL 4.** Change season start date from March 15 to March 1 for trawl gear vessels over 60 feet in length. *The board took no action based on the action on Proposal 2.*

Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan (2 proposals)

NA **PROPOSAL 5.** Reduce maximum allowable vessel size to 55 feet in length inside state waters near Unalaska Bay. *The board took no action based on the request from the submitter to withdraw it.*

CA **PROPOSAL 6.** Establish new framework for setting annual state-waters Pacific cod GHGs. *Amended with RC 16 as substitute language. There were three additional amendments to the language found in RC 16:*

- *[Amendment 1] in Section (4), change “Section (1)” to “Section (2)”.*
- *[Amendment 2] in Sections (1)(B) and Section (2), change 13% to 15%.*
- *[Amendment 3] in Section (4), change 95% to 90%.*

Vote: 6-0-1.

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands and South Alaska Peninsula Area Legal Gear, Landing Requirements, and Season Dates (2 proposals)

CA **PROPOSAL 7.** Clarify gear marking and landing requirements for groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea- Aleutian Islands area. *Amended to clarify the marking on the buoy bear only the number of the vessel operating the gear and to add the letters “LP” to identify longline pot gear. Vote: 7-0*

C **PROPOSAL 8.** Amend South Alaska Peninsula season opening weather delay criteria. *Vote: 7-0*

Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, Dutch Harbor Subdistrict, Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Jig Gear Registration and Season Dates (1 proposal)

F **PROPOSAL 9.** Remove vessel registration exclusivity for state-waters jig gear fisheries and open state- waters Pacific cod seasons for jig gear on January 1. *Vote: 0-7*

Aleutian Islands District and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Sablefish Management Plan (1 proposal)

C **PROPOSAL 10.** Define harvest allocation for the Aleutian Islands and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters sablefish fishery. *Vote: 7-0*

Policy (1 proposal)

 PROPOSAL 161. Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska (To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting) *The board will take final action on this proposal during the March 2023 Statewide Finfish meeting.*

Note: “C” means motion carried; “CA” means motion carried with amendment(s); “F” means motion failed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Board member Jensen will work with the board Chair to write a letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, encouraging the Council to begin the process to address the issue raised by the Chignik Advisory Committee in RC4 regarding the Steller Sea Lion fishery closure around Sutwik Island.