

Mar. 16, 2016

AK Board of Fish

Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish  
Sheraton Hotel, Anc. Mar. 17-20, 2015

RE: Record copy - Comment of Darius Kasprzak

Chairman Tom Kluberton + Board,

The Alaska Jig Association (AJA), respectfully requests that Proposal 44, CGOA State Pollock Mgmt. Plan, be tabled until the Mar. 8-12, 2016 finfish meeting (Statewide Finfish + Supplemental issues).

Kodiak area Jig fishermen are currently utilizing Commissioner Permits to harvest State Water pollock. Jig pollock harvest statistics for the entirety of 2015 should be analyzed before the State Water Pollock Mgmt. Plan is addressed.

In addition, the Mgmt. Plan should be addressed after the Oct. NPFMC meeting (GOA Trawl Groundfish Bycatch Management: Preliminary Analysis). The direction to be taken by the Federal pollock harvest management plan, and its relationship to State Constitutional realities, will have pertinent ramifications regarding development of State Mgmt. Plan.

Also, please extend the proposal deadline (currently April 10, 2015) as regarding State Pollock Mgmt. Plan to be addressed at the Mar. 2016 Finfish meeting.

Sincerely,  
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