

Mr chairman and board of fishery members

RC 08

I would like to see a small jig quota on Bering sea side from 167W to 170W of a 100,000lbs, I would like it to be a quota that if the pot fleet goes over its not taken away from jig fisherman like some of the other areas with state water quota

I would like it to be non exclusive so a person has options, if registered in a exclusive area early on in the year when the weather is not so good for jig boats on the bering sea side

The state water area O pot fishery is able to fish to 170W why cant a jig boat. jig boats have federal quota on bering sea side from 167w to the east

There is a small federal quota of 113tons from 167W to Cape Idak on East Umnak island, Makushin bay, Umnak pass area, for longline and jig, I have fished a few years there when it was not caught, by longliners, but 1 longliners can suck it up very fast as this year, and off limits to jig fisherman

The state waters area O pot fleet last yr quota was 28,300,800, lbs I am asking for 100,000lbs of that for jig boats. That is .0035% of there quota, lets catch this and worry about more later. Approx 3.500 lbs a pot boat average. Not a make of break for any pot boat

I feel jig boats are not taking anything away from the pot fleet as every boat in the state waters fishery is 58ft and under, and with 5 fishing poles and a few hooks, and this area being non exclusive, there welcome to fish it so really no loss to them and a very small expense and 75\$ permit card for Alaska residents

As far as i know every jig boat in the state is owner, operated and am pretty sure all Alaska residents

Jig fishing is very efficient when you find fish, I consider a jig boat the same as 1 pot but more efficient , just got to find fish and be willing to look and move around and travel.

I feel it would be more fair to longliners if the Parrel hook and line and jig fishery in the Umnak pass, Makushin area closed on the April 30 and start the state waters jig on May 1, instead of close March 31 start April 1 as was written in proposed 5AAC28.648 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management plan, this gives longliners a fair chance at there quota before they switch to other fisheries and jig boats weather permitting to work on that quota if any left

Thanks for your time as even us jig boats need to make a living

Thanks, Adam Lalich f/v YORJIM