

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

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Substitute language for Proposal 11

5 AAC 28.648. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan

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(c) Each year the commissioner shall open and close by emergency order, a state-waters season in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict for pot gear **and mechanical jigging machines**. For the purposes of this section, when a state-waters season for Pacific cod is open, the parallel season is closed for pot gear and **mechanical jigging machines** by vessels that are 58 feet or less in overall length. The commissioner shall close the state-waters season by emergency order when the guideline harvest level is achieved or December 31, whichever occurs first.

(d) The state-waters season shall open [12:00 NOON SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE INITIAL SEASON FOR THE FEDERAL BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS HOOK-AND-LINE AND POT CATCHER VESSEL LESS THAN 60 FEET IN OVERALL LENGTH SECTOR.] **as follows:**

(1) for pot gear, 12:00 noon seven days following the closure of the initial season for the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel less than 60 feet in overall length sector;

(2) for mechanical jigging machines, the season shall open May 1.

(e) During a state-waters season,

(1) the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict is [6.4 PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL ALLOWABLE HARVEST OF PACIFIC COD FOR THE FEDERAL BERING SEA SUBAREA] **as follows:**

(A) 6.4 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea Subarea for groundfish pot gear; and

(B) 100,000 pounds of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea Subarea for mechanical jigging machines.

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(2) Pacific cod may be taken only with groundfish pots and **mechanical jigging machines** as follows:

(A) except as provided in (h) of this section, no more than [60 GROUND FISH POTS MAY BE OPERATED FROM A VESSEL REGISTERED TO FISH FOR PACIFIC COD];

(i) 60 groundfish pots may be operated from a vessel registered to fish for Pacific cod;

(ii) 5 mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel registered to fish for Pacific cod;

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(g) The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict is [AN EXCLUSIVE REGISTRATION AREA FOR PACIFIC COD DURING A STATE-WATERS SEASON.];

(1) an exclusive registration area for a vessel validly registered to take Pacific cod with pot gear; and

(2) a nonexclusive registration area for a vessel validly registered to take Pacific cod with mechanical jigging machine.

(h) If at any time after October 1 the commissioner determines that the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod will not be achieved by December 31, the commissioner may close, by emergency order, the fishing season and immediately reopen a state-waters season during which the following shall be implemented to increase the harvest rate in an attempt to reach the guideline harvest level:

(1) removal of the limits on the number of pots and **mechanical jigging machines** that may be operated from a vessel;

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