

Rubric for a two-way stair-step in the DHS Pacific cod fishery

This mechanism responds to concerns around the potential for foregone harvest in the statewater cod fishery. Below is regulatory language to accompany our earlier RC.

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Substitute language for proposal # 6:

5 AAC 28.648 is amended to read:

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(e) During a state-waters season,

(1) the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict is:

(A) for pot gear, 8 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea Subarea; if the guideline harvest level established under this paragraph is achieved in a calendar year, the guideline harvest level will increase by 1 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest the subsequent calendar year. A guideline harvest level established under this subparagraph

(i) may not exceed 15 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea Subarea; and

(ii) is considered to have been achieved if, by November 15, 90 percent of that guideline harvest level is projected to be harvested by the end of that calendar year; [AND]

(iii) if the guideline harvest level established under this paragraph is not achieved during two consecutive calendar years, the guideline harvest level will be reduced by 1 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Aleutian Islands Subarea beginning the next calendar year, but may not be reduced below 10 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest; and