

PROPOSAL 27 - 5 AAC 28.230. Lawful gear for Prince William Sound Area; and 5 AAC 28.XXX. Prince William Sound Pollock Purse Seine and Jig Gear Management Plan.

Establish directed commercial purse seine and jig pollock fisheries in Prince William Sound, as follows:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries should include the Prince William Sound (PWS) pollock management into the other state water pollock fisheries currently being considered by the pollock working group and include purse seine and jig as alternative gear types and to provide opportunity to 58 foot and smaller trawl vessels to harvest quota before the larger Kodiak trawlers harvest the entire quota.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The PWS pollock fishery in its current form occurs too quickly for smaller vessels and local processors to effectively participate. Additionally, the PWS Pollock Management Plan should be consistent with the other state water pollock management plans currently being considered by the pollock working group.

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