

Mr. Chairman members of the board, my name is Alfredo Aboueid and I have lived and fished in Chignik for 35 years. I have been a member of the AC and Marketing Association, fished tanner, Dungeness, king crab, salmon, halibut , cod and tendered all in the Chignik Area.

I oppose proposal 2, 3, 4 and 5. If there is a change in the GHL in any area, there should be the same percent change in all state water cod fisheries.

I oppose proposal 8 through 12, 14 and 15.

These proposals are not cost effective for a majority of the Chignik pot fleet. These would allocate within the same fishery and create a new fishery and in the long run it would leave more quota on the table similar to the jig quota.

In 2006, 2007 and earlier Chignik never caught its quota and we fished almost 3 months. This year Kodiak Area never caught there quota and maybe next year Chignik won't catch there's either if restrictions limit the fishing.

Trent showed graphs illustrating the Chignik harvest levels, by size of boat and gear type, see page 5.

Although there is an increased harvest by boats longer than 50 feet, the number of boats used to be 7 and now there are 12.

In addition, there are several important points:

1. The Chignik state cod fishery opens last out of all waters in the state. This encourages boats from the federal Area O bearing sea fishery to come to chignik for the state water cod pot fishery. The federal fishery in Area O usually closes around the first week of March and then the boats head straight to sand point, Kodiak and Chignik. In the past Chignik Boats would have been fishing since March 1st and caught almost half of the Pacific Cod quota. Chignik was the last state water fishery to open and the larger 58 footers from area O therefore stopped in Chignik and harvested more of the quota creating the spike and shortened season.
2. There has been NO CHANGE in the harvest level of boats less than 50 feet. The smaller boats are primarily jig boats that are currently not catching their 10% GHL. The quota is there to be fished.

Correction to RC 23 Paragraph 1