

Board of Fisheries RC – submitted by G. Merrigan: Proposal 12-14

Size composition of cod caught by the <60' pot sector (predominately inside 3 miles) and the >60' sector (predominately outside 3 miles)

Source: Dutch Harbor processor (1/24/18 thru 9/16/2018)

Pot sector	8 oz – 16 oz	16 oz -32 oz	32oz +
Under 60'	41%	59%	8%
Over 60'	22%	62%	16%

The <60' pot sector has twice as many cod in the small fillet category.

The >60' pot sector has twice as many cod in the large fillet category.

The gear is identical for both sectors; the only difference is predominate harvest location (within 3 miles or outside 3 miles).

Preliminary processor report indicates that the near-shore cod population is composed of younger and smaller fish.

There is no current survey (federal or state) of cod in the waters of the DHS.

There is no current port sampling of cod caught in the DHS GHL fishery.

Increasing harvest pressure on younger age-classes of the stock is not advisable.

