

**PROPOSAL 8**

**5 AAC 28.647. Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.**

Establish a pot limit for the Aleutian Island Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery, as follows:

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(d) During a State-water season

(2) Pacific cod maybe taken only with ground fish pots, mechanical jigging machines, longline, non pelagic trawl, and hand troll gear **no more than 60 groundfish pots may be operated from a vessel registered to fish for pacific cod**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Put a groundfish pot limit on the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific Cod State Water Fishery (Adak).

At present there is no regulation to limit groundfish pots in this district.

All other State Water Pacific Cod Fisheries have a 60 groundfish pot restriction. If left unrestricted there could be a saturation of unattended gear-- ghost gear from a single vessel taking up valuable fishing grounds in an area that is already limited. A 60 groundfish pot limit would help eliminate this problem and ensure maximum use of gear.

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