

**PROPOSAL 9**

**5 AAC 28.650 Closed waters in Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area.**

Close waters of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict to groundfish fishing with non-pelagic trawl gear while the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season is open, as follows:

A total closure to trawling in Bering Sea state waters while the Area O state waters pot cod season is open.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Our boats continually lose pots to draggers in the Bering sea pot cod fisheries. In the federal fishery this can perhaps be mitigated but it seems less avoidable.

Within state waters and in our very own Alaskan Area O pot cod fishery we shouldn't have to contend with super huge trawlers using us as bait stations and circling our gear.

There should be no trawling in state waters while our fishery is being prosecuted.

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