

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Wood  
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Substitute language for proposal 51:

5 AAC 28.467(c) is amended as follows:

(c) Each year the commissioner shall open and close, by emergency order, a state-waters season in the Kodiak Area for mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear and for pot gear, [AS FOLLOWS;] For purposes of this section, when a state-waters season for Pacific cod is opened to mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear or pot gear, the parallel season for the applicable gear type is closed. Beginning with the 2021 state-waters season,

(1) mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear is allocated 40 percent of the annual Kodiak Area guideline harvest level and pot gear is allocated 60 percent of the annual Kodiak Area guideline harvest level [WHEN A STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR PACIFIC COD IS OPENED FOR MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR OR POT GEAR, THE PARALLEL SEASON FOR THE APPLICABLE GEAR TYPE IS CLOSED; THE FISHING SEASON FOR MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR OR POT GEAR WILL CLOSE WHEN THE APPLICABLE GEAR TYPE TAKES 50 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL KODIAK AREA GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL];

(A) if the jig gear allocation established under this paragraph is not achieved in a calendar year, the jig gear allocation will decrease by 5 percent and the pot gear allocation will increase by 5 percent beginning the next calendar year, the jig gear allocation may not be reduced below 20 percent of the Kodiak Area guideline harvest level;

(B) if the jig gear allocation established under this paragraph is achieved in a calendar year, the jig gear allocation will increase by 10 percent and the pot gear allocation will decrease by 10 percent beginning the next calendar year, the jig gear allocation may not exceed 50 percent of the Kodiak Area guideline harvest level;

(2) the fishing season for vessels longer than 58 feet in overall length fishing with pot gear will close when 50 [25] percent of the pot gear allocation [GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL] has been taken by those vessels or December 31, whichever occurs first, unless the pot gear season is closed because the pot gear allocation established under (c)(1) of this section has already been taken [HAS ALREADY BEEN CLOSED BECAUSE POT GEAR HAS ALREADY TAKEN 50 PERCENT OF THE KODIAK AREA GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL]; the restrictions under this paragraph do not apply to a season reopened under (f) of this section.