

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of board member Jensen
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Substitute language for Proposal 283

5 AAC 28.647. Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan

(c) The commissioner shall open and close, by emergency order, a state-waters season in the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict as follows:

(1) the Adak Section shall open January 1;

(2) all waters of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict shall open as follows:

(A) **for vessels fishing with pot gear**, four days after the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands parallel "A" season for the catcher-vessel **pot gear fishery for vessels 60 feet or greater in overall length** [TRAWL GEAR FISHERY] is closed; [OR FOUR DAYS AFTER THE FEDERAL ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBAREA NON-CDQ SEASON IS CLOSED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER; OR] **and**

(B) **for nonpelagic trawl gear, longline gear, hand troll gear and mechanical jigging machines, at noon on March 15** [IF THE STATE-WATERS SEASON HAS NOT OPENED UNDER (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY MARCH 14, THE COMMISSIONER WILL CLOSE, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE PARALLEL "A" SEASON FOR THE CATCHER-VESSEL TRAWL FISHERY AT 12:00 NOON MARCH 14 AND OPEN, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE STATE-WATERS SEASON AT 12:00 NOON MARCH 15; (3) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CLOSE, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, THE STATE-WATERS SEASON WHEN THE GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL IS TAKEN OR ON DECEMBER 31, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST; EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER, ALL PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASONS ARE CLOSED DURING THE STATE-WATERS SEASON].

(C) except as otherwise specified in this chapter, all parallel Pacific cod seasons are closed during the state-waters season.

(3) the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the state-waters season when the guideline harvest level is taken or on December 31, whichever occurs first; except as otherwise specified in this chapter, all parallel Pacific cod seasons are closed during the state-waters season.

(d) During a state-waters season,

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(3) a vessel used to harvest Pacific cod when

(A) only the Adak Section is open under (c)(1) of this section, with

(i) longline gear, may not be more than 58 feet in overall length;

(ii) nonpelagic trawl gear, mechanical jigging machines, or pot gear, may not be more than 60 feet in overall length;

(B) all waters of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict are open under (c)(2) of this section, with

(i) mechanical jigging machines, **may not be more than 60 feet in overall length** and longline gear, may not be more than 58 feet in overall length;

(ii) nonpelagic trawl gear, may not be more than 100 feet in overall length;

(iii) pot gear, may not be more than 125 feet in overall length;