

**PROPOSAL 278**

**5 AAC 28.606. Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area Registration; and 5 AAC 28.647. Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.**

Designate the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod, as follows:

5 AAC 28.606 is amended to read:

5 AAC 28.606 (a) [REPEALED]

5 AAC 28.647 is amended to read:

(f) The Aleutian Islands Subdistrict is an an [NONEXCLUSIVE] **exclusive** registration area for Pacific cod during a state-waters season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Aleutian Islands Subdistrict (AIS) is a nonexclusive registration area for Pacific cod. The adjacent Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters pot gear fishery is an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod. Currently, a vessel that participates in the DHS may also participate in the AIS in the same year.

A shore-based processor in Adak started processing Aleutian Islands Pacific cod in 2017. Since that time, effort has increased and the GHF has been fully harvested. Declines in Pacific cod abundance in the Gulf of Alaska has additionally redistributed state-waters fishing effort away from fisheries in GOA to the BSAI. This change has increased effort and competition among users and reduced season lengths in the DHS and AIS.

During recent years the DHS has closed prior to the AIS allowing for an influx of Dutch Harbor pot boats to enter the Aleutian Islands fishery mid-season, creating a race for fish and added competition for Aleutians fishermen.

**PROPOSED BY:** The City of Adak and the Adak Community Development Corporation  
(Formerly ACR 7)

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