

PROPOSAL 283

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

Modify the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific cod state-waters season dates to open the fishery west of 170° W long for Pacific cod, as follows:

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(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) FOUR DAYS AFTER THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS PARALLEL "A" SEASON FOR THE CATCHER-VESSEL TRAWL FISHERY IS CLOSED OR FOUR DAYS AFTER THE FEDERAL ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBAREA NON-CDQ SEASON IS CLOSED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER; OR]

(B) [IF THE STATE-WATERS SEASON HAS NOT OPENED UNDER (A) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY MARCH 14, THE COMMISSIONER WILL] close, by emergency order, for the parallel "A" season for the catcher-vessel trawl fishery at 12:00 noon March 14 and open, by emergency order, for 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.

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Give fishermen operating vessels 60 feet or less overall length (OAL) for trawl, jig, and pot gear and 58 feet or less OAL for vessels operating longline gear, more opportunity to harvest Pacific cod in the Adak Section of the AIS prior to larger vessels entering the fishery.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Board of Fisheries

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