

PROPOSAL 50

5 AAC 28.430. Lawful gear for Kodiak Area; and 5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Allow six lines per mechanical jigging machine and six machines per vessel to be operated in the Kodiak Area Pacific cod fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 28.430. Lawful Gear for Kodiak Area.

(f) In the Kodiak Area, a mechanical jigging machine used to take groundfish may not have more than

- (1) **six** [FIVE] lines; and
- (2) 30 hooks per line.

5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific cod management plan. (h)(2)(B)

(B) no more than **six** [FIVE] mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel registered to fish for Pacific cod;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I have been involved in the Pacific cod jig fishery since the year 2000. I operate out of Kodiak mostly, but have taken my vessel twice to the Bering Sea as well to jig cod. My proposal is to help increase production by increasing the number of jig machines allowed from five machines to six. This would allow myself and two crewmembers to work two machines apiece. With five machines one of my crew is stuck operating only one. This throws off the efficiency of soak time, which slows down the rhythm of my operation. When the conditions are right, I would be able to pull more jigs per day that would have the same amount of soak time. Having this extra machine will increase production. In recent years, large amounts of jig quota have been left on the table. My goal with this proposal is to increase the harvest of the quota in the jig sector.

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