

PROPOSAL 52

5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Increase the guideline harvest level (GHL) for Pacific cod in the Kodiak Area to 17.5 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod in the Central Gulf of Alaska Area and increase the pot gear allocation of the GHL to 65 percent, as follows:

Increase the percentage of Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Pacific cod ABC taken by the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery from 12.5% to 17.5% and allocate that additional ABC to the pot gear fishery.

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(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. During the state-waters season,**

(1) mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear is allocated 35 percent of the annual Kodiak Area guideline harvest level and pot gear is allocated 65 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;]

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(h) During a state-waters season,

(1) the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the Kodiak Area is **17.5** [12.5] percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fleet has a consistent track record of harvesting the full pot gear GHL allocation and additional harvest opportunity would benefit the largely local fleet and the community of Kodiak.

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