

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Board of Fisheries  
Attn: Art Nelson  
[art.nelson@alaska.gov](mailto:art.nelson@alaska.gov)

Subject: Emergency Petition – Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State-Waters Pacific Cod

Dear Mr. Nelson,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an emergency petition be considered by the Board of Fish with the following requests:

Open the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear vessels less than 60 feet 72 hours after the Federal BSAI closure for this sector. This is a change from the current 7 days that is in regulation.

Increase the pot limit from 60 pots to 90 pots for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season for vessels less than 60 feet.

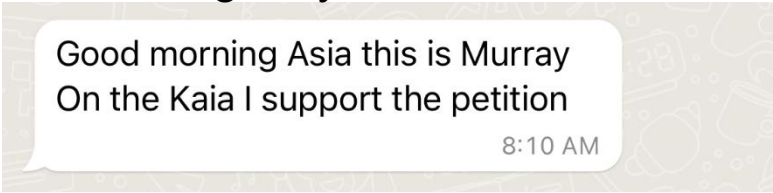
The above requests come in a time of unprecedented market conditions and are necessary to preserve the general welfare of the fleet. Pacific cod ex-vessel prices are currently half of what they were one year ago. Additionally, markets have limited participation in the under 60 fleet to levels that will likely prevent the 2024 GHF from being met. This has the potential to negatively impact the general welfare of the fleet in years to come.

Alaska Statute AS 44.62.250. Emergency Regulations allows for emergency action be taken to immediately preserve “general welfare”. Given the sudden decline in the State of Alaska fisheries it is our opinion that the Board of Fish has the authority to take emergency action to preserve the general welfare of the under 60 fleet.

Sincerely,

 - F/V ORALUE  
"Sender Name"

 - PETE NEATON F/V HALCYON



Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Murray Gamrath; F/V Kaia (76787).



Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Mike Spokas; F/V Saint Paul (75473).



Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Robert Christensen; F/V Saint Peter (76769).

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Hi Asia Abe here on the Alaskan star just professing my support for the request to board of fish for modifications, thanks

9:10 AM

Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Abraham Sullivan; F/V Alaskan Star (76584).

Morning Asia. Ryelan from ocean bay. I'll be out there again for state cod. I 100% support the emergency petition. We need it this year.

9:47 AM

Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Ryelan Long ; F/V Ocean Bay (68008).



Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Robert Davis; F/V Cynosure (76034).

Text Message  
Today 11:18 AM

This is cody with the magnus martens. Support of the proposed pot limit increase for area of 2024

Received via text message on 1/8/2024 from Cody Thomassen; F/V Magnus Martens (77144).

On behalf of the F/V Aleutian Endurance and its captain and crew, we do support this emergency petition.

Thank you,

Blake



Blake Burkholder *President*

F/V Northern Endurance F/V Aleutian Endurance  
F/V Buck & Ann F/V Southeast

Received via email on 1/8/2024 from Blake Burkholder; F/V Aleutian Endurance (79091).



Received via WhatsApp on 1/8/2024 from Joshua Trosvig; F/V Cerulean (77211).

iMessage  
Yesterday 11:41 PM

Hello Asia it's me Hank from the FV Vigilant. I was trying to get my name on the petition for a higher pot limit for the State water fisheries.

Received via text message on 1/8/2024 from Henry Perales; F/V Vigilant (77747).

Yesterday 11:33 AM

Dustan Dickerson  
Raven Bay  
Supports the Emergency Petition  
put forward by the U60 fleet

Received via text message on 1/8/2024 from Dustan Dickerson; F/V Raven Bay (47511).