

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Summary of Actions
Teleconference re: Scheduling Requests

December 29, 2005

The Board of Fisheries met by teleconference on December 29 to consider two scheduling requests. The board changed its meeting agendas as follows:

January/February 2006: The board has rescheduled consideration of a proposal to create a state waters Pacific cod fishery in the Aleutian Islands area (currently, proposal 399) to its February 20-26, 2006 meeting. Previously, this proposal was on the January 2006 meeting agenda. The board received a request from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to delay its consideration to allow time for the board and council to meet jointly to discuss this issue. The board agreed to a joint meeting in early February; the date and location for this joint meeting in Anchorage will be announced.

March 2006: The board received a request from the commissioner of ADF&G to add to its March 2006 meeting agenda consideration of action in the charter fisheries in Southeast and Southcentral of 1) limiting the number of lines to the number of customers onboard; and 2) limiting the retention of fish caught by skipper/crew when customers are onboard. The GHLL for the halibut charter fishery in Areas 2C and 3A has been exceeded in recent years. While the NPFMC is reviewing options, the commissioner is also suggesting the state consider options to keep this fishery within its GHLL. A full report to the board will be distributed at the January 2006 meeting, along with a suite of options for the board to consider in March. Public comment will be welcome.