

**On Time Advisory Committee Comment List  
Statewide Pacific Cod  
October 18–22, 2013**

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## Chignik ADFG Advisory Committee

### Draft Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013

Chignik Lagoon Subsistence Building; Teleconference

#### Minutes

I. Call to Order: 1:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Rodney Anderson

**II. Roll Call:** Present in chambers

#### Committee Present

Rodney Anderson, Acting Chair, Lagoon  
Alfredo Abeuid, Chignik Lagoon, Alternate  
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon  
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay  
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville  
Boris Kobruk, Perryville  
Alvin Boskofsky, Chignik Lake

#### Absent

Jacob Shangin – Ivanof Bay, Chair - excused  
Don Bumpus – Lagoon, Vice Chair- excused  
Don Lind –Lake, Excused for SRC meeting  
Harry Kalmakoff – Lake, Excused for SRC  
Marvin Yagie - Perryville  
Stephan Shangin – Ivanof Bay  
Noah Shanign – Ivanof Bay

Seven of thirteen members are present, quorum is established.

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Susie Jenkins- Brito, ADFG Boards  
Trent Hartill, ADF&G Shellfish/Groundfish  
Wayne Donaldson, ADF&G Shellfish/Groundfish  
Gayla Woods, BBNA  
Chuck McCallum, Lake and Pen. Borough  
George Anderson, Lagoon  
Tony Gregorio, Lagoon  
Al Anderson, Lagoon  
Aaron Anderson, Lagoon  
Dean Anderson, Lagoon  
Pete Bumpus, Lagoon  
Tim Murphy, Lagoon  
Henry Erickson, Lagoon

**III. Approve Agenda:** Patrick moves for Approval of the Agenda, Gary 2<sup>nds</sup>

Agenda Approved 7-0

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** Gary moves to approve the April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes are approved by Unanimous Consent.

**V. Introductions:** All present briefly introduced themselves. ADF&G staff did not have any specific staff reports but will answer questions as they come up while reviewing proposals.



**VI. Advisory Committee Actions on Statewide Pacific Cod Proposed Regulatory Changes - Meeting Date: October 18-22, 2013**

*Statewide Pacific Cod (1 proposal)*

**PROPOSAL 1** – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> **ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Clarify the term “estimated total allowable harvest”

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:** ADF&G’s proposal is clear and helps makes regulations more concise for fishermen’s benefit.

Gary calls for the Question.

*Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik State-waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level (4 proposals)*

**PROPOSAL 2** - Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> **ACTION: No Action by Unanimous Consent**

**DESCRIPTION:** Increase state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik areas based on 10-year average parallel season Pacific cod catch.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Alfredo makes a motion to include South Peninsula in this proposal, Gary 2nds.

ADF&G: The current proposal addresses the Central Gulf’s ABC. Making an amendment to include the South Pen. would not have the desired effect, because the South Peninsula is in the Western Gulf and South Pen’s increase would come from the Western ABC, not the Central Gulf.

Alfredo withdraws his motion.

Alvin requests no action, Alfredo 2nds. All in favor of no action

**PROPOSAL 3** **ACTION: No Action based on Action taken on Proposal 4**

**DESCRIPTION:** Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 17.5 percent of the Central Gulf of Alaska total allowable catch (TAC).

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PROPOSAL 4** – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> **ACTION: Carries as Amended 7-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 17 percent of the Central Gulf of Alaska total allowable catch (TAC).

**AMENDMENT: Increase the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik and South Alaska Peninsula areas guideline harvest level’s, such that Cook Inlet Area is 7.5% of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), Kodiak Area is 25% of the CGOA ABC, Chignik Area is 17.5 % of the CGOA ABC, and South Alaska Peninsula Area is 50% of the Western Gulf of Alaska ABC.**

**DISCUSSION:** Concern surrounding the increase of just the Chignik Area state-waters is expressed. The AC feel if the GHL in the Chignik Area was to increase, the GHL in the rest of the



Central Gulf and Area M must increase as well in order to keep from drawing extra boats into the Chignik Area.

Ben asks Trent with ADF&G what a doubling of the GHL would look like and if it would be possible? Trent replies it would be within the authority of the Board to do so and the basic increase would if doubled, move Kodiak from 12.5% to 25%, Cook Inlet from 3.75% to 7.5% and Chignik 8.75% to 17.5%. The CGOA ABC would then become 50% dedicated to state-water fisheries and 50% to federal/parallel fisheries.

**Alfredo moves to amend the proposal. Gary 2nds.**

Question call on the Proposal as Amended by Ben.

**PROPOSAL 5 – ACTION: No Action based on Action taken on Proposal 4**  
**DESCRIPTION:** Increase Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) based on actual state waters harvest.  
**AMENDMENT:**  
**DISCUSSION:**

*Cook Inlet Area Pacific Cod (1 Proposal)*

**PROPOSAL 6 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7**  
**DESCRIPTION:** Open state-waters Pacific cod season to longline gear July 15, if guideline harvest level (GHL) remains.  
**AMENDMENT:**  
**DISCUSSION:**

Al raises concerns if longline vessels in Cook Inlet were allowed to harvest unused Pacific cod GH, other management areas may eventually allow longline vessels to harvest unused Pacific cod GH. Al was also concerned about halibut bycatch by longline gear in a state-waters fishery.

Tony questions whether long lining is allowed in Chignik.

Trent with ADF&G clarifies that the proposal seeks to allow cod caught incidentally in the sablefish longline fishery to be deducted from the state-waters Pacific cod GH, and as written this proposal would have no current effect in Chignik but in Cook Inlet state-water fisheries alone.

Alvin suggests no action; Al cautions against no action, Rodney requests a vote.

Gary calls for the question.

*Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (1 proposal)*

**PROPOSAL 7 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0**  
**DESCRIPTION:** Clarify Pacific cod landing requirements.  
**AMENDMENT:**  
**DISCUSSION:** Alfredo states this proposal appears to be mainly housekeeping and calls for the question.

*Chignik Pacific Cod (8 proposals)*



**PROPOSAL 8** – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> **ACTION: Motion Fails 1-4 (2 abstain)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Limit pot vessels over 50 feet to 50 percent of state-waters Pacific cod pot fishery allocation.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Alvin – States no body in this fishery should be put aside. This proposal would exclude larger boats unnecessarily.

Trent ADF&G states in 2013 there were 4 vessels under 50 ft. participating in the fishery.

Alfredo – to limit the pot to 50% for larger boats is not going to change who is catching what, it's the captain who determines what's caught. People who invest in the bigger boats invest more to do the job.

Alfredo - 6-7 years ago quota was not caught boats worked all year to catch the quota prior to salmon, reducing the fleet is not going to help catch the quota.

George – Asks the Dept. what the harvest rate for vessels under/over 50 ft.

Trent ADF&G – 1997-2013 harvest by vessels less than 50ftas consistent, ranging from a couple 100,000 lbs to a little over a million lbs caught; number of vessels has been very consistent as well 1997-2013 averaging 5 vessels per year.

Average % of GHL caught

1997-2013 over 84% of GHL caught by pot fishery, 1997-2013 16% of total GHL caught by vessels less than 50ft.

2009-2013 over 50ft 93% GHL vessels under 50ft caught 7% GHL

Tony – little guys want a reasonable opportunity to compete against the big boats, the intent is to slow the fishery not just to take away the quota from the bigger boats

Alfredo – sure slow it down but prolonging the season incurs far higher costs in staying out fishing, fuel bait etc. cutting the big boat quota to 50% makes me want to just tie up.

Dean Anderson – Erin said smaller boats no having a chance relative to weather. Super eights are the huge boats and are the root of problem the length means nothing when compared to tonnage. Fishing ability is much greater for the super 8s the tonnage is the key not the length.

The 58 ft limit is a number but the tonnage is the issue when they expand in weight.

Alfredo says we tried this earlier to limit tonnage, it didn't work. 58ft is a size restriction.



Ben – the issue is not to knock anyone out its only to give some level of guarantee they are only competing against themselves. The 50% is only a suggestion to level the competition. The smaller boats need more time they don't want to take the quota away from the bigger boats.

**Patrick calls for the Question and requests a roll call vote:**

Alfredo – No

Patrick – Abstain

Boris – Abstain

Alvin – No

Rodney – No

Ben – Yes

Gary – No

**Motion fails 4-1 (2 abstain)**

**PROPOSAL 9 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 0-4 (3 abstain)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Establish daily trip limit for state-waters Pacific cod pot fishery.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Alfredo – 20,000 lbs a day not going to do it to pay the fuel etc.

Rodney – Processors won't feel like it's worth it with such a small limit per day, without processors there would be no fishery.

Tony – just looking for a way to slow down the fishery, the intent is only to slow the large boats so the small boats can get a fair shot.

Alfredo – average the small and big boats percentage over the years and make it similar to IFQ's

Erin – suggests that AC wants to create a percentage deal wait till proposal 15 it would be easier to amend.

Patrick – Perryville comes to the meeting to discuss the cod fishery but we are here to try to find solutions for all the communities. We need to stop approaching these AC meetings negatively, we need to work together to find a solution. I'd like to see a solution found together not just an argument between the big boats and the little boats.

Rodney – we need a consensus, the bickering between us is not working we need to fend off the Super 8's



Alfredo – Understands where Patrick is coming from but the allocation on the federal side is already tying our hands, to limit the boats further is not reasonable.

**Gary calls for the question and requests a roll call vote -**

Patrick – Abstain

Alvin – No

Alfredo – No

Gary – No

Rodney – No

Ben – Abstain

Boris – abstain

**Motion Fails 4-0 (3 abstain)**

**PROPOSAL 10 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 4-1 (2 abstain)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Decrease state-waters Pacific cod pot limit.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ben – I was the writer of these proposals turned in by the City of Chignik, I just wanted to make suggestions for a possible solution on how to slow down the fishery. There is a younger group coming up and wanting to get involved in the fishery, we need to make these fisheries still accessible. The community does need to look at, as a group, creating access for local people to participate.

Alfredo – 30 pots we've already discussed a decrease of this type, it's not going to make it in, 60 pots already not a lot we need the pots to make money. 60 pots is reasonable, 30 pots won't be worth it.

Ben called for the Question. Question called but not heard.

60 pots is a Central Gulf and Western wide limit.

**Alvin calls for the question and requests a roll call vote.**

Ben – Yes

Gary – No

Alfredo – No



Patrick – Abstain

Boris – Abstain

Rodney – No

Alvin – No

**Motion Fails 4-1 (2 abstain)**

**PROPOSAL 11 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 0-4 (3 abstain)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Establish daily fishing periods in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Rodney – Daylight hours doesn't address the weather, it could be calm at night and rough during the day, it doesn't justify safety we need the flexibility.

Alfredo – We sometimes wait all day for the weather and the tides are not at a set time, this is not a practical solution for fishing.

Gary – This was used as a tool for management for the crab fishery but I don't think this is problem for the cod fishery.

**Alvin calls for the question and requests a roll call vote.**

Ben – Abstain

Gary –No

Alvin – No

Boris – Abstain

Patrick – Abstain

Rodney – No

Alfredo – No

**Motion Fails. 4-0 (3 Abstain)**

*Susie ADF&G – interjects a note cautioning against using abstentions, AC members have a responsibility to represent their communities on the Advisory Committees even when the situation is a tenuous one.*

**PROPOSAL 12 – Gary Moves to Adopt, Alvin 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7**

**DESCRIPTION:** Establish maximum pot size for state-waters Pacific cod fishery.



**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ben – This would be far too cost prohibitive

Alfredo – Most of the fleet is already using 6 bys, we tried to limit the pot size earlier. I don't think the pot size would not make a big difference if this was to pass, but the cost is far too high.

Consensus that the potential cost of limiting pot size is not worth the possible effects.

Question called by Ben.

**PROPOSAL 13 – Alfredo Moves to Adopt, Alvin 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Carries 7-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Change date for rollover to all gear types of unharvested guideline harvest level (GHL) in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Alfredo – Good proposal the move to August 14 would be better for Chignik's smaller guys to be able to harvest while they still have crew in town from salmon.

AC member comments that this would maybe a million lbs. caught.

ADFG –Trent: Clarifies superexclusive registration requirements still apply for vessels during rollover period. If proposal were to pass, the only vessels that could participate would be, a) those that participated in the Chignik state-waters Pacific cod fishery during that calendar year, or b) a vessel that has not registered for any state-waters Pacific cod fishery in that calendar year. Due to the superexclusive requirement in Chignik, any vessel that registered for any other state-waters Pacific cod fishery in that calendar year would not be allowed to participate. Dean – can you keep incidental cod caught in siene? Trent ADF&G- No, it's not a legal fishery gear type.

Ben – We need an opportunity to catch the fish before the tenders leave, jig guys could fish too when salmon shuts down and allows them to stay and fish. Increase local area participation.

Rodney – Any regulation regarding what a tender can carry?

Trent ADF&G– Tenders should be able to accept multiple fish species. Prior to 2012, the rollover date was August 15. Only in 2012 and 2013 has this date been different. This proposal would just revert the rollover date back to the original date

Alvin calls for the question.

**PROPOSAL 14 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: Motion Fails 0-7**

**DESCRIPTION:** Remove superexclusive registration for jig gear in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

**AMENDMENT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

Trent ADF&G introduces proposal and describes exclusive and superexclusive registration requirements and which state-waters Pacific cod fisheries are exclusive and superexclusive.



**PROPOSAL 15 – Alvin Moves to Adopt, Alfredo 2<sup>nd</sup> ACTION: TABLED**

**DESCRIPTION:** Change state-waters Pacific cod jig season opening date and limit jig vessel size.

**AMENDMENT: AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL TO COME AT P. COD BOF MEETING AS A RECORD COPY.**

**DISCUSSION:**

2003, 2005, 2011 small boats would have exceeded jig quota, this is a chance to give them something, if Trident builds a plant this would help to allow local boats get back in the fishery.

Aaron – thinks this proposal would be a good vehicle to help the smaller boats. 48 limit scares me a little because it could entice boats from outside the area what about 46 feet? Many voices speak in support of the 46 ft. limit.

Alfredo – 6 years we haven't caught more than 10% if there is effort it can go to 25% - 48ft an odd length

Ben – This is an avenue for us to give the smaller boats –pot season start date so we have tender service at the same time March 7<sup>th</sup>

48 footers would still be allowed to commercially compete with the bigger boats but they'd also have a jig quota set aside for them with the jig fleet but it's a choice you cannot fish both quotas. 90% pot 10% jig quota to take it off.

Al – wants to hear from Perryville.

Request for AC to form a subcommittee and give the subcommittee authority to act on its behalf by Ben. Alvin 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Question on the motion for a subcommittee called.

Motion Carries 7-0

**Sub-Committee members include: Ben (Chignik Bay), Patrick (Perryville), Alfredo (Chignik Lagoon), Alvin (Chignik Lake), Aaron (public), and Jacob (Ivanof Bay). Subcommittee meeting will be a publically held duly noticed meeting, if a subcommittee member is unable to attend another AC member from their specific community may replace them, each community gets one vote on the subcommittee.**

*South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (13 proposals); Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod (8 proposals); Aleutian Islands Atka Mackerel (1 proposal)*

**PROPOSAL'S 16-37**

**ACTION: No Action by Unanimous Consent**



Alvin Requests the AC take No Action on Proposals 16-37 as they are outside the Chignik and Central Gulf Area, Gary 2<sup>nds</sup>

**Adjournment 5:30 p.m.**

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# King Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 12 2013 @ 10:00 AM  
King Cove Harbor House

## 1. Call to Order

Chairman Grant Newton called meeting to order at 10:00 am

## 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Grant Newton	Members Absent: Alvin Newman
Kenneth Mack	Warren Wilson
Corey Wilson	Bill Sager
Herman Samuelson	
Gary Mack	

Harbor Master and other interested members of the community were present.

## 3. New Business

A. P-Cod proposals for Board of Fish October 18-22, 2013 meeting:

16&17-support-Modify boundary description of South Alaska Peninsula groundfish area-The committee supports the intent of this proposal as it relates to the increase in harvest since 2007 of state season p-cod west of Scotch Cap. Prior to 2007 most of the p-cod harvest came from east of Scotch Cap. The large BSAI TAC has created an opportunity for highly productive 58' vessels fishing the BSAI to easily move to the south side of Dutch Harbor area to fish in the South Alaska Peninsula state groundfish season. We do not support taking the South Alaska Peninsula quota and dividing it up east and west of Scotch Cap. The coastal communities east of Scotch Cap do not want quota to be lost, but keep the revenues and harvest benefiting them.

18,19,20,21-support-Increase state waters GHJ to 50% of the federal WGOA TAC. The pot only vessels of South Alaska Peninsula are the big supporters of this for 2 reasons. The feds have created sector splits in the federal WGOA. The fed pot sector split is 38% when pots in years prior to splits have taken over 50% of the WGOA TAC. The sector splits have taken all opportunity away for the pot only vessels to compete for the entire WGOA TAC as they did before. Secondly the feds may rationalize the WGOA fishery. This would make it even



harder to compete for cod quota. The state p-cod fishery is pot and jig only with a 58' vessel limit.

The trend since federal sector splits is, for the boats that participate in both the pot and trawl sector splits, to fish the pot sector first. These vessels then switch to harvest the trawl sector of the WGOA while the pot only vessels sit and watch. There are members on the committee who trawl that would rather the 25% stayed the same.

22-support-Change South Alaska Peninsula state waters P-cod from exclusive to superexclusive. We support this proposal in the event that either the vessels registered in the nonexclusive Aleutian Island District trend movement into the South Alaska Peninsula area, or a new state fishery Area O is opened as a nonexclusive area.

23-oppose-Open South Alaska Peninsula(SAP) 7 days following closure of Federal pot sector. For economic and safety reasons the committee feels the March 7 state waters opening date allows for better fishing and better weather.

24-oppose-Open SAP March 12 rather than March 7. The committee thinks the March 7 date is optimum.

25-support-Housekeeping

26,27-support-Allow open and unbaited pots in more than 25 fathoms 7 days prior to opening of SAP state waters P-cod. There is a 58' vessel limit and a 60 pot max limit for SAP state fishery. Not all vessels can haul all pots in one trip. This proposal not only allows for smaller vessels to get all pots fishing sooner, but really adds to the safety aspect of the entire fleet by not possibly having to haul gear in rough weather.

28-support-Ban nonpelagic trawling in state waters near Sanak and Caton Isl. The trawl vessels on the committee feel the proposed area can be used for safety on certain days, but would agree to close it for tanner crab stocks. It would be nice if there was a simple weather clause for the proposed area??

35,36-support-Establish a state waters P-cod fishery in the Bering Sea portion of Area O. The committee's intent of making this proposal is



to offer a fishery to the newer fleet of large 58' vessels that have chosen to fish the large Federal TAC in the BSAI east of 170 W Long and then move into the state waters South Alaska Peninsula fishery in March during that fishery. Since 2007 the catching ability of these newer high capacity 58' vessels has shortened the BSAI season and allowed them to move into the South Alaska Peninsula March 7 state season. Between the Federal sector splits of WGOA and increase in effort west of Scotch Cap during the state season the local South Alaska Peninsula have seen less opportunity for the pot only vessels. This has dramatically effected the overall economic viability of our community and the majority of our fishermen.

B. Advisory committee members who will attend October 18-22 Board Of Fish P-cod meeting:

Ken Mack said he would attend the meeting but did not plan on using state help with transportation, Chairman Grant Newton will not attend the meeting and indicated that Alvin Newman had planned on attending, but was not using state money for transportation.

4. Adjournment: 11:00 AM



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September 24, 2013

Karl Johnstone, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Alaska Department of  
Fish and Game Board Support  
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**Subject:** Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC from their meeting held on September 7, 2013 in Unalaska, AK. Comments were on various proposals included for the Board of Fisheries Statewide Pacific Cod meeting, to be held in Anchorage, AK October 18-22-2013.

**Proposals 16-17 -5 AAC28.550. Description of South Peninsula Area.**

Modify boundary description of South Alaska Peninsula groundfish area as follows. Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG staff stated their draft comments on the request and took no position. NMFS staff commented on the impacts to the federal quota if this was approved. Committee discussion focused on the impact that changing the boundary would have on the local fixed gear fleet, the new area quota would come off the BSAI TAC which would reduce quota to all other cod harvesters in the BSAI. Small boat fisherman and AC committee member Dustan Dickerson supported status quo keeping the existing boundary

The motion to support #16-17 failed 0-6.

**Proposals 18-19-20-21 5AAC 28.577.** South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase state-waters Pacific Cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 50 percent and 55 percent on proposal of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch ABC as follows. Motion to support, Goodfellow, second by Holman.

Discussion: ADFG draft comments no position on the proposals. Comments by board members; was concern of increasing fishing effort for longer periods of time in 0-3 miles in state waters and the potential reaction from NMFS on

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impacts to Steller Sea Lions. The increase to state water from the federal TAC will have a negative impact for vessels over 60' that fish Pacific Cod in the South Peninsula area. The Pacific Cod fishery in that area is already fully allocated.

Motion to support proposals, # 18-19-20-21 failed 2-5.

**Proposal 22 5-AAC28.556-South Alaska Peninsula Area registration.** Change registration from exclusive to a super exclusive. Motion to support proposals, Mahoney, seconded, by Goodfellow.

Discussion: Basically the committee thought that by supporting this motion it could reduce fishing effort in other State water fisheries.

The motion to support proposal #22 was supported by the committee 5-1-1 abstention.

**Proposal 23 -5ACC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Change state-waters Pacific Cod season opening date for pot gear to March 7 or seven days following closure of the Federal Western Gulf of Alaska pot cod a season. No action on this proposal by the committee.

**Proposal 24 -5ACC 28,577(e) (1) South Alaska Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Change state-waters Pacific Cod season opening date for pot gear to March 12 or seven days following closure of the Federal Western Gulf of Alaska pot cod a season. No action on this proposal by the committee.

**Proposal 25 -5ACC 28,577(e)(1) South Alaska Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Clarify weather delay criteria for opening the state-water Pacific Cod season. Motion to support, Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG generated proposal, committee felt that this was a safety issue especially in the winter Pacific Cod fishery with many under 60' foot vessels fishing. Motion to support proposal 25 passed 7-0

**Proposal 26-27 -5ACC 28.571. Groundfish pot storage requirements, for South Alaska Peninsula.** Modify preseason pot storage regulation for state – waters Pacific Cod fishery as follows. Motion to Support Dickerson, seconded by Goodfellow.

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Discussion: ADFG spoke to the benefit to the smaller pot cod vessels that fish that area these vessels can't carry as many pots so it takes them longer to start their fishing operations. Committee discussion, a benefit economically and a safety issue for the smaller vessels' should be supported. Motion to support proposals 26-27 passed 7-0

**Proposal 28 -5ACC39.164.Non-pelagic trawl gear restrictions.** Close state water waters surrounding Caton and Sanak Islands to non-pelagic trawl gear as follows. Motion to support, by Kochuten, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG explained concern by pot fisherman that a bottom trawl restriction in may reduce the bycatch of Tanner crab and assist in the re-building of the Tanner Crab stocks in the area. Committee discussion, some members were opposed to bottom trawling in that area, protection to help important Tanner crab stocks is warranted. This closer would have not impact the Pollock trawlers it isn't and important area to that fleet. Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal 29 -5ACC 28.647 Aleutian Island District Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Increase Aleutian Island District state-water Pacific Cod guideline harvest level (GHL) to 4.5 percent of the federal Bering Sea /Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch (ABC) as follows. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG had no position on proposal they are neutral, the state that the GHL hasn't been reached in recent years. NMFS staff commented on the possible impacts on the federal allocation in the Bering Sea Pacific Cod fishery. Committee discussion focused on why do and increase now when North Pacific Council is going to do a Bering Sea/ Aleutian Island cod spilt next year they can support the state water fishery from the Aleutian Island allocation next year. They haven't utilized the GHL amount available recently for various reasons. We also have the Steller Sea Lion regulation issue in that area which is already heavily regulated, how will NMFS react to increased effort in and larger GHL in 0-3 miles which they believe is critically important for Steller Sea Lions. This proposal would also reduce the overall BSAI TAC and impact landings from other fishing fleets that deliver to Bering Sea communities such as Unalaska and Akutan. Motion to support proposal 29 failed 0-7.

**Proposals 30-31 5ACC 28.547- 5ACC28.647 Aleutian Island Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Proposal 30 Clarify Aleutian Island District state-water

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Pacific Cod guideline harvest level rollover provisions from A to B seasons. Proposal 31 would clarify Aleutian Island District state water Pacific Cod fishery bycatch provisions with respect to state-federal jurisdiction. Motion to support proposal 30&31 by, Goodfellow seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG proposals both clarify regulations housekeeping in nature. Committee had no discussion on these proposals. Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal 32 -5ACC 28.647 Aleutian Island District Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Amend the Aleutian Island District state-water Pacific Cod fishery management plan to address concurrent state-water and federal Pacific Cod regulations. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded, by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG proposal clarify regulations, doesn't change current practice housekeeping in nature. Committee had no discussion on this proposal. Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal 33 -5ACC 28.647 Aleutian Island District Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Update, Aleutian Island District state-water Pacific Cod fishery management plan, to identify Steller Sea Lion and essential fishing habitat closure areas as follows. Motion, to support by, Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG proposal ADFG proposal clarifies regulations, housekeeping in nature. Committee had no discussion on this proposal. Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal 34 -5AAC 28.610 Fishing season for Bering Sea –Aleutian Islands area.** This proposal would place a moratorium on any new or expanded state-water Pacific Cod fisheries in Area O. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Holman.

Discussion: ADFG comments that this proposal would prevent a state-water Pacific Cod fishery in the Bering Sea and the proposal would reduce the amount of fish for existing harvesters in the BSAI federal water fishery. Public comment on teleconference line from the maker of the proposal Mr. Steele spoke in support, he stated the Pacific Cod fishery in the Bering Sea is fully allocated and prescribed by the harvester groups that work the fishery already. Development of a new state-water fishery would invite new entrants that would hurt the existing

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fleets that have worked the fishery for many years and would have economic impacts on existing harvesters. He also pointed out the current benefits the existing 60' and under fixed gear fleet has, such as the rollover provisions from other fixed gear sectors that increase their allocations. Other public comment included Mr. Lowenberg executive director of a pot cod vessel association, spoke in favor of the proposal he pointed out that there are over 200 fixed gear vessels 60' and under already qualified to fish in a Bering Sea state-water and the fishery is fully utilized already. Committee discussion by some members who opposed the moratorium because they didn't want to lock out new true small boat entrants in the future, also committee members spoke of concern on local communities if new participants of the community are not allowed to participate in the Pacific Cod fishery. Some committee members still had concerns with the formation of a new state-water fishery and the impacts it could have on existing entrants and the possibility of reduced landings of Pacific Cod to Unalaska. The motion to support proposal 34 failed 5-2.

**Proposals 35-36 -5AAC 28.6XX Fishing season for Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Establish a state-water Pacific Cod fishery in the Bering Sea portion of Area O as follows. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG commented that state-water fishery would allow only pot and jig gear for vessels 60' and under. NMFS staff stated that the allocation would come from the federal water TAC and that the Steller Sea Lions impacts with increased effort in a state water fishery in 0-3 miles could be a concern to the agency. Public comments from Mr. Lowenberg and Mr. Steele on the teleconference line they opposed both proposals, for the same reasons that they stated on proposal 34. They reaffirmed that the fishery is over-capitalized already, and that increased effort would move into a state-water fishery and impact the local Unalaska small boat fleet in with further reduced fishing seasons. Committee members spoke in opposition to both proposals concerns expressed on a new state-water fishery were impacts it could have on existing entrants and the possibility of reduced landings of Pacific Cod to Unalaska. The impacts on Steller Sea Lions with increased fishing effort in a 0-3 mile state-water fishery. That the local Pacific Cod fixed gear fleet is already facing compressed seasons and a state-water fishery could bring new entrants into the area, and increase the race for fish. Motion to support proposals 36-37 failed 7-0.

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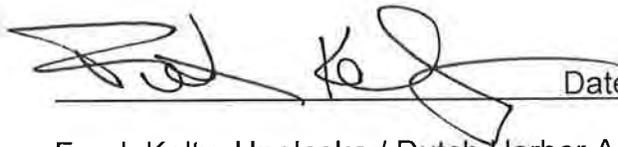
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**Proposal 37 -5AAC 28.6XX Aleutian Islands District Atka Mackerel Management Plan.** This proposal would establish state-water Atka mackerel fishery as follows, using seine gear. Motion to support Goodfellow seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG and NMFS staff explained how this fishery would work and how the fishery allocation would be set. NMFS stated that they don't in federal regulations a definition for a seine fishery. It was also explained that an experimental fishery could be setup with a ADFG Commissioner permit. The maker of the motion withdraws his motion to support, with concurrence of his second.

This concludes the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC comments, on the State-Water Pacific Cod Fishery proposals to be heard at the Board of Fisheries October 18-22, 2013 meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

 Date 9-24-13

Frank Kelty, Unalaska / Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

