



Unalaska Bay w/ town & Hog Island & Trawl Area.

The pollock trawl area is within a mile or 2 from the community of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, in an area traditionally used by the residents to harvest most of their subsistence resources. This area has become depleted due to overfishing. Salmon, halibut, crab, other fish and sea mammals are almost nonexistent. There are no management plans addressing this issue and data is scant, to permit this type of fishery.



Unalaska Bay subsistence salmon skiff and a trawler 2014.

Pollock trawlers are better suited to fish outside the Unalaska Bay and only recently have been permitted to fish inside in the same areas as skiff fishers. Subsistence fishers are no longer able to find enough salmon, halibut and other fish inside the Bay to meet their needs and must travel outside the bay to do so, into the treacherous open Bering Sea conditions which can be potentially life threatening.

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Unalaska Bay, Priest Rock – showing sealion haulout at Priest Rock in 2014.

Harvest of marine mammals (as there are no land mammals) for our subsistence needs in recent years are also not being met. ANS Findings do not identify what our needs really are.

We request the Fisheries Board evaluate whether we are being provided a reasonable opportunity to harvest for our subsistence needs.

Thank You.

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