

**PROPOSAL 89**

**5 AAC 38.142. Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan.**

Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery, as follows:

(g) The guideline harvest level for each area will be calculated as two percent of the most recent estimated biomass, **using the mid-point of the one-sided 90 percent confidence interval**, per year.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) would like to have ADF&G establish the Guideline Harvest Level for the geoduck clam fishery using the mid-point of the one-sided 90 percent confidence interval based on their assessment surveys. This would allow for a higher GHl while maintaining a conservatively managed fishery.

*What would happen if nothing is changed?* There would remain annual confusion as to whether ADF&G is managing for the lower end of the confidence level or the mid-point.

*What are other solutions you considered? Why did you reject them?* It is possible to discuss on an annual basis the department's management goal, however SARDFA believes this would eliminate any confusion on how the fishery is being managed.

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