

PROPOSAL 11

5 AAC 28.650. Closed waters in Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area.

Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows:

(d)All waters of Alaska west of 170° W. long. are closed to commercial groundfish fishing with nonpelagic and pelagic trawl gear.

(Boards Support note: this proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the AK Pen/AI/BS/Chignik Pacific cod and AK Pen/AI/Chignik finfish meetings and will be deliberated at the AK Pen/AI/Chignik finfish meeting)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We are concerned about increased factory trawl activity in Aleutian Islands golden king crab habitat and the associated impacts to the resource. Several traditional golden king crab fishing areas have been overrun by large trawlers and there is additional concern about their operations in areas where female and juvenile crab tend to concentrate.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Proposal created on behalf of the F/V Alaska Trojan

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