

PROPOSAL 2

5 AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan

Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area, as follows:

Increase the GHL for the South AK. Pen (SAP) pot cod fishery from the existing 30% of WGOA ABC to 50% of the WGOA. ABC

The Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula (SAP) state managed fishery is 50% of the estimated federal WGOA ABC.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The state water cod GHL is currently too small to support a viable fishery for the local fleets of the A.E.B. Due to the fact there is basically no more trawl cod fishery and federal pot cod fishery for the local fishermen of these communities I feel it's extremely necessary for a larger GHL. It's a matter of survival for the fishermen and communities of this area. It also addresses bycatch issues which is frequently mentioned in some of the pacific cod fisheries in WGOA.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I have conferred with other local fishermen that participate in these fisheries. They agree to this proposal.

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