

PROPOSAL 6

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 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the pot gear allocation is caught annually, as follows:

(5 AAC 28.577) (h)(1) the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area is ~~30% of the estimated~~ total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area;

Alternate language:

(5 AAC 28.577) (h)(1) the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area is **40% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area; if the pot portion of this allocation is fully harvested by May 31 in any year the overall allocation will increase by 5% in the next year and continue until the allocation caps out at 50% of the** total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Insufficient Guideline Harvest Levels (GHL) have threatened the viability of pot fishing in the South Alaska Peninsula (SAP) cod fishery. State managed fisheries are intended to prioritize local fleets by providing more stable access and reinforcing local economic benefit. Shifting a greater share of the WGOA federal quota into the state-waters fishery will enhance and support local fleets and communities exponentially.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

PROPOSED BY: False Pass Advisory Committee

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