

**PROPOSAL 6 – 5 AAC 28.537. Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.** Include a change in designation of Chignik Area from a superexclusive registration area to a nonexclusive registration area after October 30 in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 28.537. Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan is amended to read:

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(j) If at any time after October 30 the commissioner determines that the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod will not be achieved by December 31, the commissioner may close, by emergency order, the fishing season and immediately reopen a state-waters season during which the following shall be implemented to increase the harvest rate in an attempt to achieve the guideline harvest level:

(1) removal of the limits on the number of ground fish pots and mechanical jigging machines that may be operated by a vessel;

(2) if needed, allow a vessel of any size to register and fish for Pacific cod in the Chignik Area.

**(3) if needed, designation of the Chignik Area as a non superexclusive registration area for Pacific cod.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The unharvested fall/rollover Pacific cod in the Chignik state-water fishery. Unharvested Pacific cod results in a loss of revenue to all stakeholders (harvesters, processors, local communities and State of Alaska). Removal of super exclusive registration in the Chignik Area for Pacific cod after October 30. This would be best placed under 5 AAC 28.537 sub paragraph (j) with a new sub paragraph (3).

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