

PROPOSAL 46 - 5 AAC 28.365. Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan. Increase the trip limit for rockfish in the *Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan*, as follows:

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(b) A vessel fishing in the North Gulf District may not land or have on board more than [4000] **6000** pounds (round weight) of all rockfish species within 5 consecutive days.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently the directed rockfish fishery has a 4000lb 5day trip limit for the North Gulf District. This is primarily a small boat jig fishery, and due to concerns of over harvest a trip limit is warranted. However the current trip limit is very restrictive and in practical terms makes the financial viability of the fishery borderline and as a consequence it is currently very under utilized. I would like the board to consider a slight increase in trip limit to encourage participation.

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