

**PROPOSAL 51**

**5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.**

Amend Kodiak Area Pacific cod state-waters guideline harvest level allocation to 40 percent jig gear and 60 percent pot gear, and amend the allocation annually based on harvest levels the previous year, as follows:

Adjust the current 50/50 allocation between jig gear and pot gear in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery to 60% allocated to pot gear and 40% allocated to jig gear. In addition, the annual jig gear allocation will step up or step down by 5% based on jig gear fishery performance during the previous year. The jig gear allocation may not exceed 50% or be reduced below 20% regardless of fishery performance.

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(c) Each year the commissioner shall open and close, by emergency order, a state-waters season in the Kodiak Area for mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear and for pot gear. [AS FOLLOWS;] **For purposes of this section, when a state-waters season for Pacific cod is opened to mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear or pot gear, the parallel season for the applicable gear type is closed. Beginning with the 2021 state-waters season,**

**(1) mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear is allocated 40 percent of the annual Kodiak Area guideline harvest level and pot gear is allocated 60 percent of the annual Kodiak Area guideline harvest level;** [WHEN A STATE-WATERS SEASON FOR PACIFIC COD IS OPENED FOR MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR OR POT GEAR, THE PARALLEL SEASON FOR THE APPLICABLE GEAR TYPE IS CLOSED; THE FISHING SEASON FOR MECHANICAL JIGGING MACHINE AND HAND TROLL GEAR OR POT GEAR WILL CLOSE WHEN THE APPLICABLE GEAR TYPE TAKES 50 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL KODIAK AREA GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL;]

**(A) if the jig gear allocation established under this paragraph is not achieved in a calendar year, the jig gear allocation will decrease by 5 percent and the pot gear allocation will increase by 5 percent beginning the next calendar year, but the jig gear allocation may not be reduced below 20 percent of the Kodiak Area guideline harvest level;**

**(B) if the jig gear allocation established under this paragraph is achieved in a calendar year, the jig gear allocation will increase by 5 percent and the pot gear allocation will decrease by 5 percent beginning the next calendar year, but the jig gear allocation may not exceed 50 percent of the Kodiak Area guideline harvest level;**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear GHL allocation is not fully harvested in most years. Fully harvesting the GHL would benefit the community of Kodiak and the industry as a whole.

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