

**PROPOSAL 28**

**5 AAC 28.367. Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan.**

Change gear group allocation in the *Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan* as follows:

Transfer unfished Cook Inlet state water Pacific cod jig quota to pots on July 15 and allow 100% retention for pacific cod only during the sablefish fishery using pots.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** During the state water sablefish fishery in Cook Inlet which opens July 15 Pacific cod bycatch is only 20%. I participated in that fishery before and some years we caught way more pacific cod than actual target of sablefish. My proposal is to transfer unfished state water jig quota to the pots sector on July 15 and allow 100% retention of Pacific cod while fishing sablefish with pots. This would eliminate waste of Pacific cod because they get bloated coming up from the deep and die because you can only keep 20% bycatch of Pacific cod.

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