

Kodiak Area Commercial Groundfish (4 proposals)

PROPOSAL 52

5 AAC 28.406. Kodiak Area registration; 5 AAC 28.410. Fishing seasons for Kodiak Area; 5 AAC 28.430. Lawful gear for Kodiak Area; 5 AAC 28.432. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Kodiak Area; and 5 AAC 28.4XX. New section.

Establish new Kodiak Area commercial sablefish fishery as follows:

Allocate half of 1 percent from the central gulf sablefish IFQ TAC to Kodiak state waters. Open the fishery on September 1st. And adopt the Aleutian Island sablefish state water management regulations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Open a sablefish fishery in Kodiak state waters for pot, hook and line and jig. During the fall September Pacific cod fishery there is good amount of sablefish inside 3 miles. Currently there is no directed fishery, fisherman have to discard the sablefish which results in some dead loss. It will be a good opportunity for new entry younger generation fisherman to participate who don't own any IFQ sablefish.

PROPOSED BY: Dia Kuzmin (EF-F23-006)

PROPOSAL 53

5 AAC 28.430. Lawful gear for Kodiak Area; 5 AAC 28.432. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Kodiak Area; and 5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific cod management plan.

Allow groundfish pots to be longlined in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery as follows:

Allow to longline slinky pots for Pacific cod during the state water Pacific cod pot season.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow to longline slinky pots for Pacific cod during the state water Pacific cod pot season. In PWS recently adopted new regulations to allow longline slinky pots for Pacific cod during the state water Pacific cod season. Which I participated and fishing with slinky pots was awesome. It gives more opportunity for smaller vessels to participate in the pot state water Pacific cod season.

PROPOSED BY: Dia Kuzmin (EF-F23-130)

PROPOSAL 54

5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Amend state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level rollover criteria for pot and jig gear as follows:

5 AAC 28.467(f)(1) is amended to read:

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(f) If during a state-waters season

(1) **less than 25 percent of** [THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT] the mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear guideline harvest level allocation **has been** [WILL NOT BE] taken **through March 25** [BY JUNE 10], the commissioner **shall** [MAY] reopen a state-waters season at 12:00 noon on April 1 and allow 50 percent of the remaining jig gear allocation, as of March 25, to be harvested by vessels using **pot** [ALL LEGAL] gear. **The state-waters season for vessels using pot gear reopened under this section will close when 50 percent of the remaining jig gear allocation, as of March 25, has been taken by vessels using pot gear or August 28, whichever occurs first;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Better clarification to reopen to other gear types to insure GHIL is met.

PROPOSED BY: Jason Blondin (HQ-F23-060)

PROPOSAL 55

5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Amend state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level rollover criteria for pot and jig gear as follows:

The Alaska Jig Association recommends striking the language from the Fishery Management Plan for the Kodiak Area State Managed Pacific Cod fishery GHIL rollover provisions and replacing it with the following draft regulatory language in **bold**:

5 AAC 28.467(f)(1) is amended to read:

(f) If during a state-wares season

(1)**less than 10.2 percent of** [THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT] the mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear guideline harvest level allocation **has been** [WILL NOT BE] taken **through March 25** [BY JUNE 10], the commissioner may reopen a state-waters season at 12:00 noon on April 1 and allow 50 percent of the remaining jig gear allocation, as of March 25, to be harvested by vessels using **pot or jig** [ALL LEGAL] gear. **The state-waters season for vessels using pot gear reopened under this section will close when 50 percent of the remaining jig gear allocation, as of March 25, has been taken by vessels using pot gear or August 28, whichever occurs first;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The proposed language change to the Fishery Management Plan for the Kodiak Area State Managed Pacific Cod fishery seeks to provide the following improvements:

- Increased clarification in the rollover provisions from jig to pot gear to benefit all stakeholders participating in the fishery and Kodiak area managers regulating the fishery;
- Improvements to planning fishing activity based on harvest data;
- Improvements to management decisions regarding rollover provisions with fishing data to inform the decision;

- 10.2% represents the 10-year average (2013 -2022) harvested by the jig sector by March 25th;
- This number provides an accurate proxy for managers to estimate the complete harvest of the jig allocation by jig vessels by June 10.
- Small jig boat effort has always increased after the pot fishing fleet has harvested its allocation.
- The jig fleet is seeking a workable solution which continues to provide this critical entry level opportunity;
- The jig sector GHJ provides affordable entry-level opportunity for new and young fishermen as well as those seeking more diversified access.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Jig Association

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