

PROPOSAL 12

5 AAC 28.267. Prince William Sound Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%, as follows:

Increase the PWS state water pot and jig pacific cod qouta to 50% from 20%.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In P.W.S. state waters rock fish bycatch qouta has been exceeded last couple years. Currently the pacific cod hook and line allocation is 80% and pot and jig is 20%. Increase the pot and jig qouta to 50% from 20% that would reduce the rock fish bycatch. With recent opening of long lining slinky pots the cod qouta has been fully harvested and pots have less bycatch that would conserve more rock fish.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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