PROPOSAL 191
5 AAC 28.175. Logbooks for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.
Amend logbook requirements for vessels fishing for groundfish with pot and longline gear, as follows:

5 AAC 28.175 (b) is amended to read:
 (b) A logbook described in (a) of this section
      (1) for longline **and pot** gear must include **permit holder name, vessel information, trip target species, port of landing, date left port, date of landing, crew size, bait used, and gear specifications. Additionally for each** [BY] set, **the set target species,** the date **and time the set was deployed and hauled**, the specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, in degrees and decimal minutes, for start and ending positions, the amount of gear (number of hooks**, skates, or pots**) used, **the amount of gear lost (number of skates or pots lost),** the depth of each set, the **number or** estimated weight**, in round pounds,** of all target species **retained and released at sea,** [TAKEN,] **the number or** [AN] estimated weight**, in round pounds,** of the bycatch retained or discarded at sea, [AND] the tag number of any tagged fish **captured, if gear is impacted by depredation, the amount of gear (number of skates or pots impacted) must be recorded, and any other information that the commissioner determines necessary** [LANDED]; [FOR THE NORTHERN SOUTHEAST INSIDE SUBDISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST INSIDE SUBDISTRICT SABLEFISH FISHERIES, A LOGBOOK MUST INCLUDE A RECORD OF THE ROUND WEIGHT DELIVERED, THE PURCHASING PROCESSOR, AND DATE OF EACH DELIVERY DURING THAT SEASON IF MULTIPLE LANDINGS HAVE BEEN MADE;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current logbook regulations do not include all the information that is necessary for management and stock assessment. Logbooks provided to fishery participants contain some fields that are not specified in regulation. Also, with the increased use of pots in groundfish fisheries, logbooks need to be specific to fishing gear; to do this the department needs to distribute gear specific logbooks. During inseason management, staff are forced to delay important decisions while waiting for fishers' clarification regarding missing logbook information. This proposal will shorten the amount of time staff spend processing logbook data, increase the accuracy of logbook information, and create consistency of reporting between gear types.

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