
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea, and
Chignik Pacific Cod Meeting**

Anchorage | October 30-31, 2025

On-Time Advisory Committee Comments

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False Pass Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, October 13th, 2025, at 5:00 PM| False Pass City Council and Online via Zoom

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Carlin Hoblet called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - I. Members Present: Lena Hoblet, Carlin Hoblet, Tom Hoblet, Carleen Hoblet, Nikki Hoblet, Carmelita Smith, Shane Hoblet and Billy Shellikoff.
 - II. Members Absent (Excused): Ken Smith and Stephen Kennedy.
 - III. Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
 - V. List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Natalie Romo, Cassie Whiteside, and Nat Nichols.
- IV. Guests Present: Angel Drobnica, Ben Ley, Ernie Weiss, PJ Brown, Kylie Thompson.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Lena moved to approve agenda. Shane 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: March 25th minutes tabled. Tom moved to approve minutes from April 4th. Billy 2nd. All in favor. Motion passes.
- VII. Reports
 - I. Chair- We've got a busy couple months ahead of us. Once we deal with these proposals here at the Cod meeting in February, we'll be here before we know it with some big topics and big issues to face again at the salmon meetings. Thank you all for being here. I can never stress it enough, the only way to be productive in these types of things is to be involved. So spread the word around the community and encourage people to send in their comments and get their voice out there. Shane: Is area M salmon on the roster for this upcoming cycle? Yes.
 - II. Others
 - III. Public Comment- Discussion on current government shut down and how this will effect upcoming P cod season. Discussion on P Cod stock assessments and Pete Olsen's presentation.
- IX. New Business

Discussion of Alaska Pen/Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea/Chignik Pacific Cod Proposals- Carlin- We'll move on to discussing the proposals. Proposals one through eight are almost identical.

 - I. They're after the same thing, just different numbers. Tom: I'd like to bring proposals one through eight to increase the State Water GHL in South Alaska Peninsula to the table. We have a motion to bring one through eight to the table. Billy second. No objections. Motion passes.

Carlin- The only comment that I would make is, as far as stakeholders go in the Western Gulf, I've really heard no resistance to this. Pretty much all the trawl fleet under 60 supports it. There's a lot of support, I think, to move more quota to the state. I mean, however this shakes out, I think I'm yet to really speak to anyone that's got a problem with it from the local communities.

Matt- So, these proposals are all seeking to increase the South Peninsula State Waters GHL. It's currently 30 of the Western Gulf ABC, and like you mentioned, there's 8 of these here. The 1 and 2 are just straight from 30 to 50% and that's it. No step ups, it's 30 right now. Proposals 3 and 4 are asking to go to 40 on total harvest. So in the state system, a GHL is considered to be achieved if 90% of it's caught. So in proposals three and four, to get the step ups, the pot harvest and the jig harvest combined would have to be at least 90% of the total GHL. So proposals five and six are the same, except they only look at pot harvest. They're also looking to go from 30 to 40, with an option to step up to 50, but you'd only need the pot harvest to achieve the GHL to get the step up. So three and four is kind of like looking at the fishery as a whole; like everybody has to show up and perform. to get the steps. Five and six say this is really a pot gear fishery. If pot gear catches their GHL, we'll increase the total GHL. Jig will get a little extra, even if nobody showed up or they didn't catch their quota this year. They just kind of get pulled along. Seven and eight are a different version, again. These ones go straight from 30 to 50% and then they want step ups to 60 again based on total harvest. So jig boats would have to do some catching. I would explain it to the board that there are a couple decisions that need to be made. 1- do you want to increase the quota? If the answer is no, we're done. Okay, if the answer is yes, then how much? So pick a number, and then do you want to use steps to get there, yes or no? And do you want those steps to be based on total harvest or just pot gear harvest?

Shane moved to adopt/support proposals 1-8. Bill 2nd. Roll call: Tom, yes. Shane, yes. Nikki, yes. Carmelita, yes. Lena, yes. Billy, yes. Carleen, yes. Carlin, yes. 8 yes, 0 no. Motion passes.

Shane moved to adopt proposals 9-10. Carleen 2nd. Discussion- We're basically wanting to allow for some more cod to pass through Unimak Pass and potentially help our gulf-side fishery. Number nine is asking for closed waters, and number ten is asking for their season to start at the same time as ours, which is usually March 7th. Discussion regarding catch numbers. from 2016 to 2025 and western gulf ABC was almost 90 metric ton or 90 million pounds, and 2017 was 80, and then after that it's down to the teens. What caused that? Nat- Western Gulf ABC was 90 million in 2016. And then we go down to 10 million and it drops off to 17 million. Yeah, that's the Gulf cod collapse. That's when the cod stock shrank. I characterized the Bering Sea fishery. So if you look at page 36, table 22, that shows. the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict GHLs from 2014. So that fishery didn't start until 2014. So you can see how big the state water's GHLs were there in Dutch Harbor. And then the next table 23, shows the South Pen GHLs. The Dutch Harbor fishery is roughly 10 times bigger than South Pen currently. I mean, they're 44 million pounds this year, and you guys were 4.9. You can do the math on 2014, and that 17 million GHL was only 3 of the Bering Sea ABC. In 2017, in 2024 and 2025, it was roughly like 560 million pounds in 2014. Carlin- I had a comment on some of the staff comments. Although the department declared it to be neutral, I feel like there's the South Alaska Peninsula potential benefits were downplayed in regards to these two. Proposals. I can see why because there is not enough science/data/info at this time. There's no concrete evidence that shows that it would benefit us. Although I believe that historical knowledge

would prove to be different. Nat- I do write these but these comments also get reviewed by a lot of people in the department. We have to stick to the facts and try to stay neutral. I understand the point of these proposals was to try and let fish through the path into South Pen Fishery, but I can't put any numbers to that, and I can't even say that I think or know that would happen. So it's hard for me to put that into a staff comment and say that this would increase harvest in South Pen by X percent because I don't know what X percent is. I just wanted to point that out.

It is all very science-based; I understand that. I will be pointing out to the board, though, you know, that there is movement work being done and that the landscape of how Bering Sea and Western Gulf ABC apportionment. and cod assessment works may be changing in the future through the federal process based on tagging or movement work. I'm going to point all that out, but at this point, I don't have anything concrete that I can sort of build on to say you know if this was adopted this would be the outcome. I think it's a win for us if there's at least some acknowledgement that these fish are going right through there. And a lot of them.

Roll call- Shane, Yes. Tom, Yes. Billy, Yes. Nikki, Yes. Carmelina, Yes. Lena, yes. Carleen yes. Carlin- yes. 8 yes. 0 no. Motion passes. Ben- Could you add Pete's presentation in in your comments?

Carlin- I will add it and have the Board reply by email for approval with the final comments.

- II. Appoint AC Member to represent the False Pass AC at the BOF P-Cod meeting- Carlin will be there in Anchorage will testify. No others are willing to travel for this at this time.
- III. Motion for a single person to approve minutes of this meeting to facilitate on time comment deadline of October 15, 2025- Nikki moved to appoint Carlin to approve the minutes of this meeting, to be able to include with comments, Billy second. No objections. Motion passes.
- X. Old Business
- XI. Set date of next meeting- October 29th. 4:00pm, Anchorage Alaska or by Zoom.
- XII. Committee comments
- XIII. Other

ADJOURN Lena moved to adjourn meeting, Tom 2nd. Adjourned at 6:56PM.

Minutes recorded by: Carleen Hoblet
 Minutes Approved by: Carlin Hoblet
 Oct. 15. 2025

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.			
1	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area		
Support	Unanimous (8)		Shane moved to adopt proposals 1-8 as a block William 2 nd . Unanimous support passed on 1-8. Discussion on which would be preferred resulted in the committee putting emphasis on 1, 5 and 6.
2	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area		
Support	8		
3	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Support	8		Lena pointed out that if a step-up provision were implemented that it is essentially performance

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			based and all fisheries should have to meet the minimum threshold to achieve the increase.
4	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30%to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Support	8		
5	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the pot gear allocation is caught annually		
Support	8		Proposals 5 & 6 were preferred by most due to the fact that the step-up provision used the pot fishery only as a parameter.
6	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the pot gear allocation is caught annually		
Support	8		
7	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 60% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal		

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	Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Support	8		There was discussion of the possible additional allocation leading to action being taken in regards to stellar sea lion protection, as the Department staff pointed out.
8	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 60% of the estimated total allowable harvest 8 of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
9	Establish closed waters adjacent to Unimak Pass during the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict and South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fisheries,		
Support	8		Shane moved to adopt proposals 9 & 10, Carleen 2 nd . Nat and members discussed that, although it is widely believed, there is a lack of concrete science and statistical information that would prove without a doubt the benefits these actions would have on the South peninsula fishery.
10	Change Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery season open date to seven days following closure of the federal BSAI pot/longline vessel under 60 feet season or March 7, whichever is later		

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Support	8		
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		
No action			

**Kodiak Advisory Committee Minutes
October 13, 2025
Kodiak ADF&G Office Chiniak Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1:33 pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair
- II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Paul Chervenak	Julie Kavanaugh
Rebecca Skinner	Theresa Peterson
Ron Kavanaugh	Andrew Finke
Kevin Adkins	Paddy O'Donnell
Tollef Monson	Coral Chernoff (Alternate)
	Anitra Winkler (Alternate)

Absent (Excused): Alexis Kwatchka, Oliver Holm, Rolan Ruoss, Brandon Bartleson, Tyler Schmeil
Members Absent (Unexcused): Ducan Fields, Garman Squartsoff
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nat Nichols (primary); Mark Stichert (briefly)
- IV. Guests Present: Alaska State Troopers
- V. Approval of Agenda
 Discussion to add: ACR 9 after (II)-cod proposals
 Motion to Approve and Second; **Motion passes: 11-0**
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes N/A (minutes previously approved by Chair)
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: None
 - b. Others: None
 - c. Public Comment: None
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Fishery Update presented by Nat Nichols
 - b. Discussion of AK Penn/Aleutian Island/Bering Sea/Chignik Pacific Cod Proposals (**see table below**)
 - c. ACR 9. Motion to adopt ACR 9 by R. Kavanaugh, Second by J. Kavanaugh.
Motion passes 9-2.
In favor: Illegal use of longline gear to harvest during the jig fishery is having a big impact on the Kodiak jig fleet. This situation is a result of overlooking how light and mobile slinky pots are (making it operationally easy to carry slinky pots and jig gear at the same time) which led to the unforeseen consequence of illegal harvesting behavior. This issue is very important to Kodiak and needs to be addressed as soon as possible because the jig fleet risks lost opportunity to fish. Pursuing this as a statewide proposal is messy because each area operates differently. This action may be better limited just to Kodiak.

Oppose: Absent compelling justification proposals should be heard within the appropriate cycle, and this ACR 9 does not meet the ACR criteria. None of the three ACR criteria are met: there is no conservation issue, there was no error in the regulation, and an unforeseen effect is unlikely since the ADFG staff report notes “there are long standing concerns about vessels operating illegal gear types (i.e., longline, slinky pot, etc.) during the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear fishery.” This issue can be addressed through one of three proposals (167, 168, 169) at the Statewide Finfish agenda and an ACR is not necessary or warranted. The noted problem of illegal fishing is being addressed by enforcement. While Kodiak is seeing this problem now it is appropriate to address it at the statewide level because the illegal behavior could occur anywhere throughout the state.

- d. Kodiak AC representative at BOF Pcod meeting. Motion by R. Kavanaugh, Second by J. Kavanaugh that Rebecca Skinner represent the Kodiak AC at the next BOF Pcod meeting. **Motion passes 11-0**
- e. Person to approve AC minutes of this meeting by 10/15/2025. Motion by Skinner Second by Kavanaugh that Paul Chervenak give final approval for minutes. **Motion passes 11-0**

IX. Old Business

- a. Kodiak AC Bylaws. Motion by Peterson, Second by J. Kavanaugh to adopt Kodiak AC Bylaws with revisions as discussed. **Motion passes 11-0**

X. Set Date of next meeting (**Doodle poll will be conducted**)

XI. Committee Comments

- a. Several committee members expressed preference that Kodiak AC meetings be held in the afternoon, rather than starting in the evening.

XII. Other- None

Meeting adjourned 4:05 pm Monday October 13, 2025

Minutes Recorded By: Rebecca Skinner

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: October 15, 2025

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Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
Proposals 1-8 were taken up as a group. AC members who abstained cited lack of knowledge about the fisheries, and a desire to support state managed fisheries but being unable to vote in favor of the steep increases in GHL being proposed. In favor: Desire to support state managed fisheries, particularly open-access small-boat fisheries that are very important to small coastal communities Oppose: This proposal will hurt Kodiak-based fishermen. Kodiak and South Penn cod fisheries are both exclusive registration areas so if fishermen register for Kodiak they will be unable to fish in the South Penn cod fishery. Kodiak boats that traditionally go to the Western Gulf and fish in the parallel cod fishery will lose that opportunity under this proposal. There could be negative impacts on cod stock from concentrating more cod harvest inside 3 miles.			
2	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
3	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		

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Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
4	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30%to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
5	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the pot gear allocation is caught annually		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
6	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the pot gear allocation is caught annually		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
7	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 60% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain
8	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30% to 50%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 60% of the estimated total allowable harvest 8 of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Oppose	1	3	7 Abstain

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9	Establish closed waters adjacent to Unimak Pass during the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict and South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fisheries,		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: The area proposed for closure is one of the most productive fishing grounds. Closing this area would push boats out into less productive areas and extend the season, and there is already a lack of accessible markets toward the end of the season. At least 15-16 Kodiak boats would be displaced and would have to travel farther to markets to deliver fish. The increased distance decrease vessel safety as vessels are forced farther away to the east and to the west. Tagging studies are underway and data on cod movement is incomplete; any action should wait until after the data is available. Closing this area is likely to strand cod.
10	Change Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery season open date to seven days following closure of the federal BSAI pot/longline vessel under 60 feet season or March 7, whichever is later		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: This proposal would upend the fishery and create a hardship for boats that travel out west with crew, and then have to stand down for 3-4 weeks. Boats travel from Kodiak, Ketchikan, Homer Seward, and False Pass. Currently most harvest occurs before March 7 and there is a huge risk of stranding cod. Changes should wait until the tagging study is complete.
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude		

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Tabled 10-1	10	1	This motion was tabled to next AC meeting when we discuss statewide proposals. In favor: This is a complex issue and AC members would benefit from hearing the staff presentation and board discussion at the October cod meeting before taking action. Oppose: This proposal will have significant negative impacts on the viability of trawl fisheries west of 170.

Sand Point Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 13th 2025 at 11:00am | Located at the Sand Point City Council Chambers

Join Online: Zoom Link | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 849 2001 8956
Draft Agenda

I. Call to Order: 11:08am

II. Roll Call

I. Members Present: Patrick, John, George, Benjamin, Emil, Kylie (6/6)

II. Members Absent (Excused): n/a

III. Members Absent (Unexcused): n/a

IV. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

V. List of User Groups Present: commercial fishermen , pot cod, trawl cod

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nat Nichols, Cassie Whiteside, Natalie Romo

IV. Guests Present: Dwain Foster Sr. , Dwain Foster Jr., Stanley Mack, Jim Smith Sr., Ernie Weiss, Dick Jacobsen

V. Approval of Agenda - without amendment

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes n/a

VII. Reports

I. Chair - P. cod meetings at the end of the month. Salmon (fin fish) meetings later in February. Will meet later to discuss salmon proposals.

II. Others

III. Public Comment

Dwain Sr. In support of his proposal (Prop 2).

IX. New Business

Discussion of Alaska Pen/Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea/Chignik
Pacific Cod Proposals

Vote 6-0 to Support proposals 1-8, with emphasis on Proposal 7,
with added language that clarifies that the “pot sector needs to
catch its GHL in order to trigger staircase increases.” Any increase
is preferred to status quo.

Proposal 9 - Support 6-0

Proposal 10 - Support 6-0

Proposal 11 - Oppose 0-6

II. Appoint AC Member to represent the Sand Point AC at the
BOF PCod meeting
- Patrick Brown, chair

III. Motion for a single person to approve minutes of this meeting
to facilitate on time comment deadline of October 15, 2025
- John Foster

X. Old Business

XI. Set date of next meeting

- October 29, 2025, 5pm teleconference and City Chambers

XII. Committee comments

The State P. Cod fishery is vital to the financial health of our communities. More and more, the federal quota is caught by non local boats further west and local boats aren't able to participate. The cod crash of 2018 which lowered the quota by 80% has had devastating consequences. Participation in the federal fishery has greatly slowed down as operation costs have soared. Local boats that own LLPs would prefer to have more time during the state season, when fishing is better, than previous to that during January and February.

The aggregation of cod during February, March, and April in the South Peninsula ensures a healthy fishery can be prosecuted. Tagging studies show that the biomass of cod in the South Peninsula migrates annually from the Bering sea, through Unimak pass, where Area O fishermen catch half of their quota. Timing their fishery to coincide with ours will ensure equal access to the stock. And closing those areas down would ensure the cod stocks have unencumbered migratory access to the South Peninsula.

The Area O fishery was established in 2014. At the time, Area M state quota was 21.6 million. It is now 5.7 million. Changes need to occur to ensure the survival of our communities.

Adjourn 12:40

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Support	6	0	
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Support	6	0	
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Support	6	0	Support with amendment to clarify that achievement of stairstep goal from fully utilized quota from pot sector.
4	Increase South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level from 30%to 40%, with provisions to step up to a maximum of 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area if the full guideline harvest level is caught annually		
Support	6	0	Support with amendment to clarify that achievement of stairstep goal from fully utilized quota from pot sector.
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Support	6	0	

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Support	6	0	
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Support	6	0	Support with amendment to clarify that achievement of stairstep goal from fully utilized quota from pot sector.
	9	Establish closed waters adjacent to Unimak Pass during the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict and South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fisheries,	
Support	6	0	Allow for migration of cod stocks from Bering sea to Pacific Ocean, South Alaska Peninsula waters.
	10	Change Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery season open date to seven days following closure of the federal BSAI pot/longline vessel under 60 feet season or March 7, whichever is later	
Support	6	0	Align opening date to South Alaska Peninsula Opening. Allows concurrent timing to harvest of resource.
	11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude	
Oppose	0	6	Small catcher vessels have potential to be impacted. Should not be included. Trawler catcher vessels in South Alaska Peninsula are vital to local economy.

Approved by Patrick Brown on 10/15/2025

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting at the Unalaska Library 1000 10-10-2025 Teleconference/online via Zoom ONLY
Join Online: [Zoom Link](#) | By Phone: 253 215 8782 or 888 475 4499 | Meeting ID: 854 5638 5286

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Chair Coleman called the meeting of the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee on October 10, 2025 at 1007 am.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Dustin Dickerson, Vice Chair Tim Mahoney, Roger Rowland, Frank Kelty, Chair Shari Coleman
Members Absent: Secretary Jeff Hancock, Chris Price
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ethan Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Asia Beder, Assistant Area Management Biologist; Natalie Romo, Boards Support
- IV. Guests Present via Zoom: Dan Martin, Alaska Boat Company; Angel Drobnica, APIDCA; Ernie Weise
- V. Approval of Agenda: Rowland moved to approve the agenda with second by Mahoney. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus.
- VI. Reports: none
- VII. Public Comment: none
- VIII. Old Business: none
- IX. New Business
 - I. Approval of minutes from 03/26/2025. Rowland moved to approve the minutes, second by Kelty. No changes were made and the minutes approved without objection.
 - II. Fisheries update. Nichols gave an update on BSAI crab fisheries and Beder reported on state water cod fisheries.
 - III. Statewide Groundfish Proposals at AC's discretion

<i>Proposals 1-8</i>	<i>Proposal Description: Proposals 1-8 all spoke to increasing the Western Gulf Of Alaska Pacific Cod under 60 foot Pot Cod Allocations</i>	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	<i>Voting Notes Motion to take no action on proposals 1-8 (motion Kelty / second Rowland).</i>

5	0	Unalaska AC deemed that these proposals do not affect our local fisheries and that we should not speak to Proposals 1-8. Dickerson spoke out in support of small-vessel fleet.
Proposal 9	Closed waters in Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Kelty/ second Dickerson
0	5	Rowland said that this Proposal would reduce the area that fish are currently being harvested by upwards of 70%
Proposal 10	Change Area O season open date	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Kelty/ second Rowland
0	5	Kelty stated that the Area O fishermen would lose the month of February which is prime fishing time and catching fish later in the season would affect fish quality
Proposal 11	Close state waters to trawl gear West of 170 West	
<i>Support</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	Motion to support: Rowland/ second Coleman
1	4	Rowland supported the protection of crab habitat. Kelty said there was no definite information on habitat impacts due to trawl activity and discussed the economic impact of reduced trawler activity. Coleman also expressed concern about closing an area based on inconclusive data. Dickerson questioned this area being abundant with juvenile crabs. Public comment: Martin said that they represent several Golden King Crab vessels, and they did not approve of the proposal.

IV. Selection of an AC member to represent AC at BOF meeting: none.

X. Set date of next meeting: Membership meeting is TBD.

XI. Committee comments: none

XII. Adjournment: Having completed all items on the agenda, Chair Coleman adjourned the meeting at 1112

These minutes were approved by the Vice Chair and Chair on October 13, 2025.