

**Proposals tabled  
from the December 2008 BOF meeting  
to the March 2009 BOF meeting**

**Proposal 44** - Establish a commercial shrimp pot fishery management plan for Prince William Sound.

*This proposal was amended by the substitution of a draft management plan and further amended by specifying a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 40 percent of allowable harvest.*

***See RC 118 (below) for a copy of the draft management plan***

**Proposal 49** - Exclusive registration for sport or commercial spot shrimp fishery for Prince William Sound.

**Proposal 375** - Require that all groundfish taken in a commercial fishery to be reported on a fish ticket statewide.

*This proposal was amended by substitute language.*

***See RC 84 (below) for a copy of the substitute language***

**Proposal 44** (as amended during the  
December 2008 BOF meeting)

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**DRAFT PWS COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**5 AAC 31.260. PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POT SHRIMP FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.** (a) The Prince William Sound pot shrimp fishery expanded dramatically during 1979 – 1987, declined during 1988-1991 and ultimately remained closed from 1992-2008. Two species of shrimp are harvested in this fishery; spot shrimp *Pandalus platyceros* and coonstripe shrimp *Pandalus hypsinotus*. Spot shrimp historically comprised greater than 95 percent of the harvest. Therefore, it is necessary to base management of this fishery on spot shrimp.

(b) The Alaska Board of Fisheries recognizes the need for conservative management of shrimp fisheries in the established fishing area of western Prince William Sound. Management of the fisheries in this area are described in 5 AAC 31.200 – 260

**5 AAC 31.206. AREA E REGISTRATION** (is amended to read)

- a) Registration Area E is a nonexclusive registration area for vessels fishing for shrimp with trawl gear.
- c) Registration Area E is a superexclusive registration area for vessels fishing for shrimp with pot gear.
- d) A vessel participating in the Area E shrimp pot fishery must obtain an area registration by close of business April 1.

**5 AAC 31.210. Shrimp pot fishing seasons for Registration Area E.**

a) Shrimp may be taken in those waters of the Inside District west of a line from Middle Point at 60° 20.00' N. lat., 147° 00.00' W. long. north to a point at 60° 40.00' N. lat., 147° 00.00' W. long., then northeast to the Coast Guard marker light on Goose Island to Knowles Head from April 15 to September 15 unless closed by emergency order. Fishing within this area will be rotated on an annual basis between the following areas:

- (1) waters north of 60° 40.00' N. lat. and east of 148° 00.00' W. long.
- (2) waters south of those described in (1) above and north of 60° 25.00' N. lat.
- (3) waters south of 60° 25.00' N. lat.

b) In all other waters of Registration Area E, shrimp may be harvested only under the terms of a commissioner's permit. The permit may restrict gear, fishing areas, and fishing periods and allowable harvest and other conditions the commissioner determines necessary for the conservation and management of the resource.

**5 AAC 31.215. Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area E.**

a) The guideline harvest for shrimp harvested from the area described in 5 AAC 31.210 (a), by pot gear will be calculated as ~~xx%~~ of the total allowable harvest for the area.

40%

**5 AAC 31.224. Lawful shrimp ~~pot gear~~ for Registration Area E.**

- a) Shrimp may be taken with pots in Registration Area E only as specified in this section.
- (b) A shrimp pot may not have
  - (1) more than one bottom
  - (2) a vertical height of more than 24 inches;

(3) more than four tunnel eye openings, which individually do not exceed 15 inches in perimeter

(4) a bottom perimeter exceeding 124 inches

(c) The sides of a shrimp pot may only be

(1) at a right angle to the plane of the bottom of the pot; or

(2) slanted inward toward the center of the pot in a straight line from the bottom of the pot to the top of the pot.

(d) A shrimp pot must be entirely covered with net webbing or rigid mesh. At least two adjacent sides or 50 percent of the vertical or near-vertical sides must be covered with net webbing or rigid mesh that allows the passage of a seven-eighths inch diameter by 12 inch long wooden dowel, which upon insertion into the web, must drop completely through by its own weight, without force.

(e) Shrimp pots may be operated only as follows

(1) the maximum number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel is 50.

(2) the department will announce annually, prior to the start of the commercial fishery, the number of pots per vessel that may be operated in the commercial fishery for that season. In determining the annual pot limit the department will consider the total number of registered vessels, estimated catch per unit of effort, and the magnitude of the GHF.

(3) a vessel operator may have only shrimp pot gear owned by that person on board the vessel at any time.

(4) shrimp pot gear may be deployed or retrieved only from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day ; the commissioner may close, by emergency order, the fishing season in a district or a portion of a district and immediately reopen the season during which the time period allowed to deploy and retrieve shrimp pot gear may be increased or decreased to achieve the guideline harvest level.

(5) all shrimp pots left in saltwater unattended longer than a two-week period must have all bait containers removed and all doors secured fully open.

(f) A registered shrimp vessel may not have, at any time in the aggregate, more than the legal limit of pot gear on board the vessel, in the waters in fishing condition, and in the water in non-fishing condition.

5 AAC 31.226. Shrimp pot marking requirements for Registration Area E. (a) if required by the department, in addition to the requirements of 5 AAC 31.051, each shrimp pot must have one identification tag issued by the department attached to the pot. If required by the department under this section, identification tags will be issued before the fishing season, uniquely numbered for that registration year, and issued at the time of vessel registration for that vessel only. The vessel owner, or the owner's agent, shall apply for identification tags at a department office designated to issue tags. Replacement of tags lost during the season is permitted if the vessel operator submits a sworn statement or affidavit describing how the tags were lost and listing the numbers of the lost tags.

(b) All shrimp pots on board a registered shrimp vessel must be marked as specified in (a) of this section.

(c) Shrimp pots deployed on a longline, consisting of more than five pots, must have at least one buoy attached to each end of the longline. The buoys must be properly marked as specified in 5 AAC 31.051 and the pots must be marked as required in (a) of this section.

**5 AAC 31.235. Closed waters in Registration Area E.**

(see maps at back – board would have to decide intent for individual closures and ADF&G would provide location information)

**5 AAC 31.240. Registration Area E shrimp vessel inspection and inspection points is amended to read:**

(b) Unless required under (c) of this section, a vessel fishing for shrimp in Registration Area E is not required to undergo an inspection, as specified in 5 AAC 31.030

(c) The commissioner, by announcement, may require that vessels fishing for shrimp in Registration Area E be inspected as specified in 5 AAC 31.030.

(d) If the commissioner requires a vessel inspection under (c) of this section, the inspection points for Registration Area E are described in (a) of this section.

**5 AAC 31.243 Reporting requirements for Registration Area E.**

(a) An operator of a vessel participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery shall obtain and complete a logbook provided by the department. The vessel operator must have the logbook on board the vessel at all times and must submit to the department, each logbook page that corresponds with each ADF&G fish ticket.

(b) The owner or operator of a catcher-seller vessel registered to take shrimp in Registration Area E shall complete a fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel.

(c) Prior to landing shrimp, the owner or operator of a catcher-seller vessel registered to take shrimp in Registration Area E shall contact the Cordova office at a telephone number specified by the department at the time of registration and provide:

(A) the permit holder's name;

(B) the name and ADF&G number of the registered vessel;

(C) the following information for each ADF&G fish ticket that pertains to that trip;

(i) the preprinted fish ticket number;

(ii) the date of landing;

(iii) the statistical areas fished;

(iv) the number of pot lifts for each statistical area;

(v) the round weight of all shrimp taken by species and statistical area.

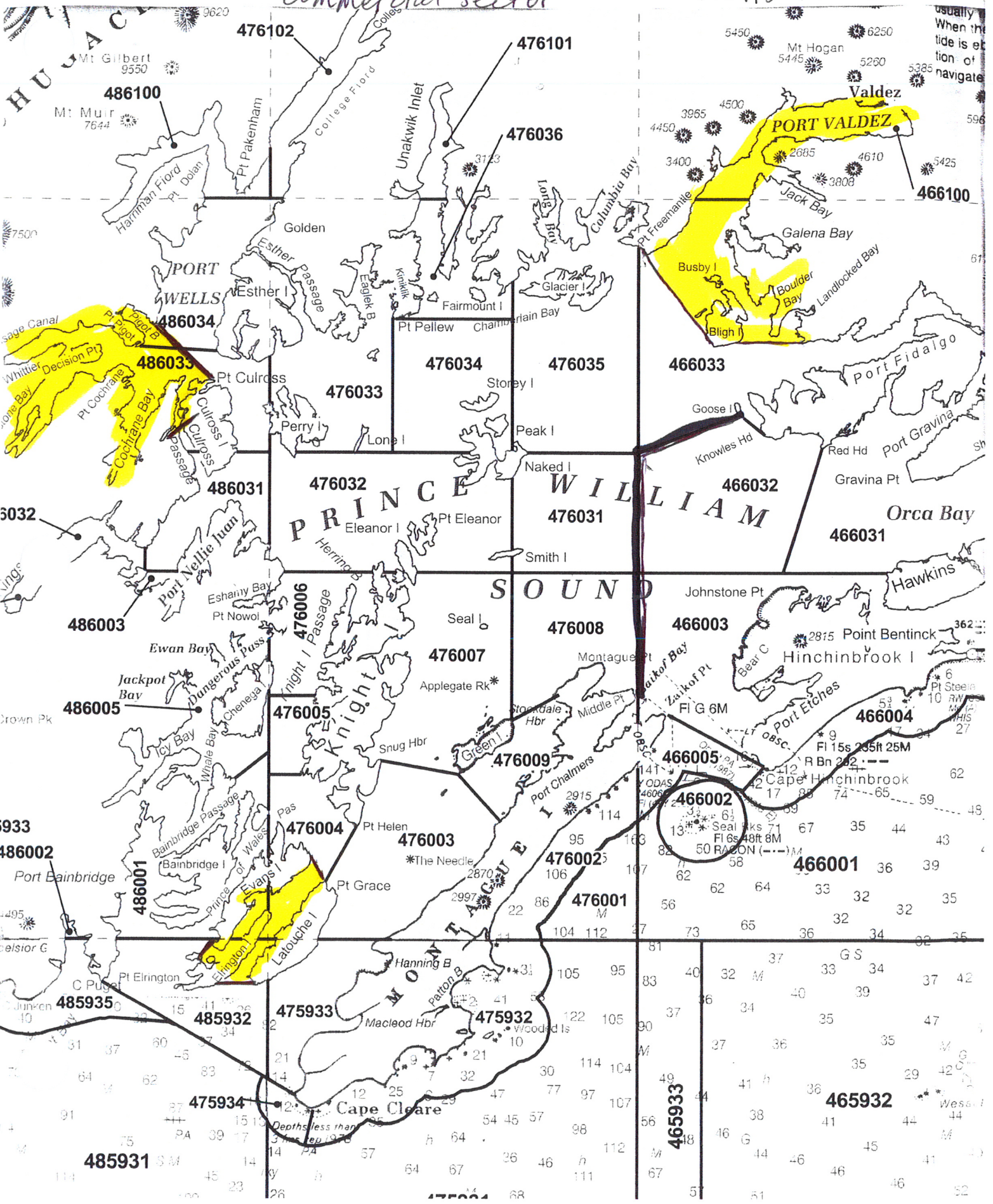




# Detail of Prince William Sound statistical chart.

*Commercial sector*

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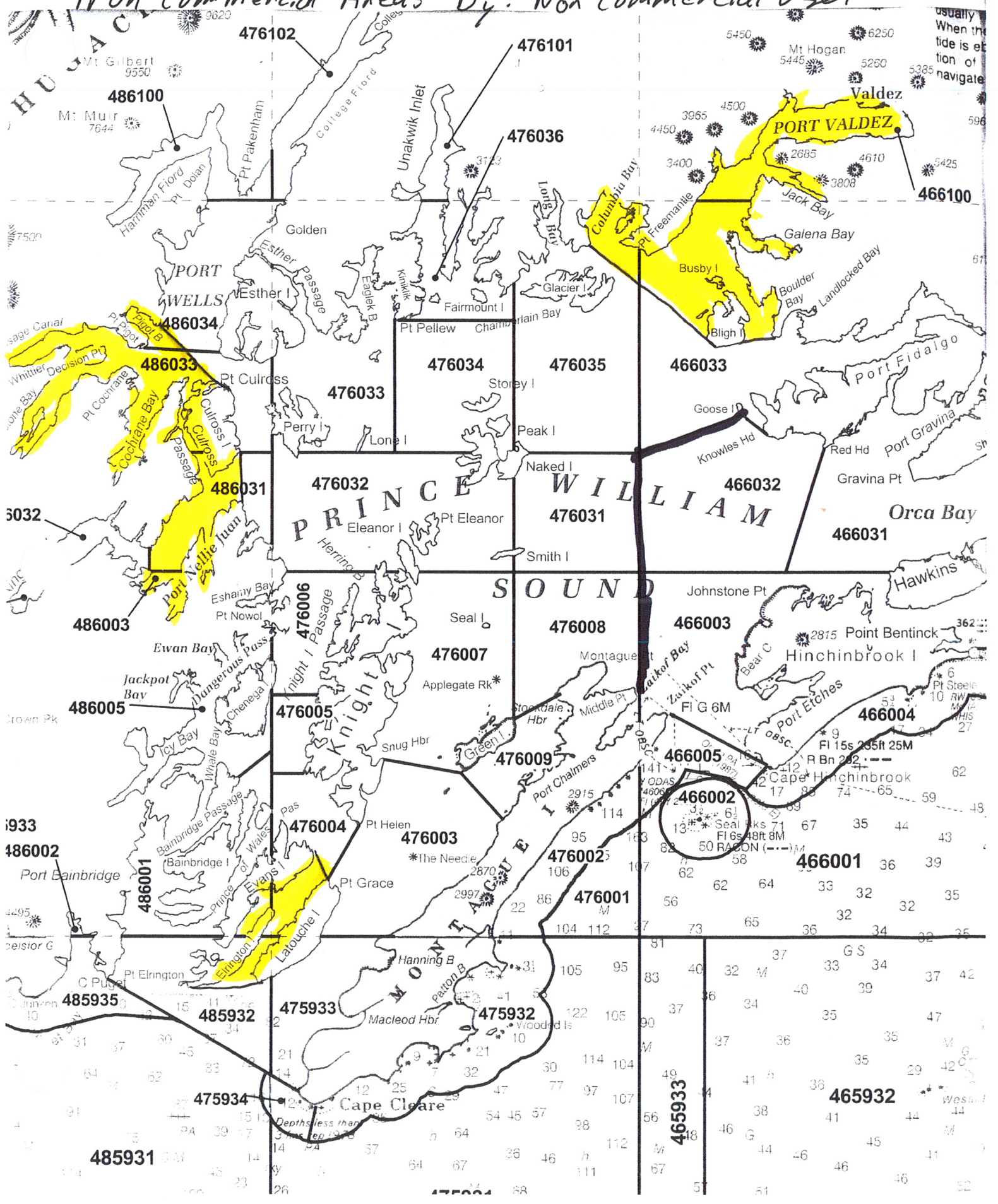
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**Proposal 375** (as amended during the  
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Substitute Language, Proposal 375

Deleted: pollock and Pacific cod

5 AAC 28.075. Utilization of and reporting of groundfish taken in a commercial fishery

(a) A processor or processor's agent that accepts delivery of or purchases groundfish from a vessel shall take delivery of all pollock and Pacific cod retained by the vessel under 5 AAC 28.070(e) .

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(b) A processor that accepts delivery of or purchases pollock and Pacific cod retained under 5 AAC 28.070(e) shall utilize a portion of each fish in order to achieve at least 15 percent utilization of the flesh by weight based on the total weight of the pollock or Pacific cod accepted or purchased.

(c) A person delivering groundfish to a processor shall notify the processor if any groundfish will remain on board the vessel after the delivery. A processor shall report a landing as a partial delivery if any groundfish will remain on board a vessel.

(d) Except where a delivery is reported as a partial delivery, a person delivering groundfish to a processor shall land all groundfish aboard the vessel.

(e) A processor or processor's agent that accepts delivery of or purchases groundfish from a vessel shall sort and weigh by species all groundfish landed by a vessel. Groundfish may be returned to vessel only after the total landing is reported as specified in 5 AAC 39.130 and any groundfish to be returned to the vessel are recorded by weight and species using the eLandings reporting system or by filing an ADF&G fish ticket .

(f) Groundfish present on board a vessel at any landing may not be considered discarded at sea for fish ticket or eLanding reporting purposes.

(g) After making a partial delivery from a vessel a person may not offload any groundfish remaining onboard the vessel until after making a final delivery and landing all groundfish aboard the vessel.

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(g) In this section,

(1) "flesh" has the meaning given in AS 16.10.165 (e), and does not include roe;

(2) "utilization" means use of the flesh of pollock or Pacific cod by processing it for human consumption, for reduction to meal, for production of food for domestic animals or fish, for bait, or for scientific, display, or educational purposes.