ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Teleconference Meeting on Supplemental Issues December 31, 2008

Preliminary Summary of Actions

- <u>C</u> **369** Clarify regulations on non-pelagic trawl closure in the Bristol Bay Area.
- C/A 370 Add two areas for closure to non-pelagic trawl gear to compliment the recent essential fish habitat closures by the federal government in the Bering Sea. Amended to add St. Lawrence Island Habitat Conservation Area, the Northern Bering Sea Research Area, and the Nunivak Island, Etolin Strait and Kuskokwim Bay Habitat Conservation Area.
- <u>C/A</u> **371** Provide a uniform vessel size limit of 60 feet in the Aleutian Islands District Pacific cod fishery. *Amended to apply 60 foot limit to the B season only.*
- <u>C/A</u> **372** Reduce daily catch limit to 75,000 pounds for the Aleutian Islands District Pacific cod fishery. *Kept the existing 150,000 pound limit and clarified the board intent on the enforcement of trip limits.*
- <u>C/A</u> **373** Limit longline vessel to 55 feet in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands management area Pacific cod fishery. *Amended to a 58 foot limit and specified an effective date of June 1, 2009.*
- <u>C/A</u> **374** Amend the management plan to allow the commissioner to require additional reporting requirements during the parallel fishery statewide. Amended to specify reference to federal regulation as revised December 15, 2008.

Other actions

The board adopted written findings for onboard observer requirements in the Prince William Sound Pollock Pelagic Trawl Fishery and in the Prince William Sound Shrimp Trawl Fishery, based on its discussion of Proposals 40 and 47 during the December 1-7, 2008 meeting in Cordova.

C = Carried; C/A = Carried as amended; F = Failed; NA = No action; T = Tabled; T/A = Tabled as amended