

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish
February 2 - 6, 2010
Egan Center, Anchorage

Preliminary Summary

- NA 29 Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 – December 31.
- F 30 Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 – December 31.
- C/A 101 Clarify groundfish management area descriptions. (*Amended to provide specific regulatory language.*) RC 71 P. 3-4
- C 102 Repeal fishing season regulations that allow groundfish to be taken at any time.
- C/A 103 Limit vessel size to 58 feet in the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery. (*Amended to apply to Pacific cod only.*) RC 71 P. 7
- F 104 Limit vessel size to 58 feet in the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery.
- F 105 Exclude longline gear from the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery.
- F 106 Implement a 60 pot or 5 jig machine limit in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Western Gulf of Alaska.
- F 107 Modify allowable gear and vessel size for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the South Alaska Peninsula Area.
- F 108 Increase the guideline harvest level in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod management plan.
- NA 109 Increase the guideline harvest level in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod management plan.
- F 110 Implement a 7-day stand down period.
- C/A 111 Close the waters of Unalaska Bay to groundfish fishing with trawl gear. (*Amended to move line further into Unalaska Bay.*) RC 68, RC 85
- C 112 Modify groundfish pot storage requirements.
- C/A 113 Specify that pot gear may be fished on a longline. (*Amended to add buoy marking specifications.*) RC 71 P. 24
- C/A 114 Allow pot vessels 100 feet or less to participate in the B season. (*Amended to allow 125 foot vessels in B season after August 1, 2010.*) RC 71 P. 26
- NA 115 Require participation in a chum pool.
- F 116 Reinstate the 8.3 percent allocation of the pre-season Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast.

- NA 117 Modify the depth of drift and set gillnet gear.
- F 118 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- NA 119 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- NA 120 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- NA 121 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- F 122 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- NA 123 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule.
- NA 124 Address current commercial salmon fishing opportunity.
- F 125 Allow commercial salmon fishing in all terminal areas.
- NA 126 Extend the existing terminal areas.
- F 127 Repeal the immature salmon test fishery or increase the threshold.
- NA 128 Allow the seine fishery based on a ratio of the number of immature salmon caught.
- C/A 129 Extend the commercial salmon fishing season. (*Extended to October 31 based on coho salmon abundance.*) RC 72 p. 28
- F 130 Modify the depth of drift and set gillnet gear.
- C/A 131 Allow for the use of gillnets with mesh size less than five and one-quarter inches. (*Amended to minimum mesh size to 4 1/2 inches after specific dates.*) RC 72 p 42
- NA 132 Allow harvest opportunity in SEDM.
- F 133 Establish a schedule in SEDM of 72-hour fishing periods.
- NA 134 Modify the percentage of sockeye salmon caught in SEDM.
- NA 135 Modify the SEDM allocation criteria.
- NA 136 Modify the level of sockeye salmon harvest ensured to Chignik Management Area.
- NA 137 Modify the allocation to allow incremental fishing time in SEDM.
- NA 138 Allow concurrent fishing periods in SEDM and Chignik areas.
- C 139 Modify the description of closed waters in Grub Gulch.
- F 140 Repeal the closed waters near Kupreanof Point.
- NA 141 Open Kupreanof Area to fishing for both Area M and Chignik fishermen on alternating schedules.
- C 142 Open the waters of Dorenoi Bay to commercial salmon fishing from June 1 through July 25.
- NA 143 Open the waters of Dorenoi Bay to commercial salmon fishing before July 25.

- F 144 Modify the description of all closed waters in Stepovak Bay.
- NA 145 Amend the weekly opening and closing times in Inner Port Heiden and Ilnik sections.
- C 146 Amend the weekly opening and closing times in Cinder River Section.
- F 147 Restrict openings in Northern District unless local escapement goals are met.
- F 148 Institute windows in Northern District.
- F 149 Modify the management of Ilnik Section.
- NA 150 Close Outer Port Heiden Section to gillnet fishing from June 20 to July 15.
- F 151 Close Outer Port Heiden Section.
- F 152 Modify Northern District Fisheries Management Plan.
- NA 153 Allow purse seine gear inside Ilnik Lagoon.
- F 154 Change the gear mesh depth to 45 meshes in Northern District.
- NA 155 Allow set gillnet gear in Outer Port Heiden Section.
- C/A 156 Change seaward gillnet distance in Cinder River, Port Heiden, and Ilnik sections. (*Amended to apply to Cinder River section only.*) RC 74 p 30
- C 157 Change the angle of the boundary line in Outer Port Heiden Section.
- C/A 158 Change the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring set gillnet allocation. (*Amended to apply an end date of July 25 for setnet fleet.*) RC 73 p. 4
- C/A 159 Allow seine gear in the Adak herring fishery. (*Amended to provide specific regulatory language.*) RC 73 p. 6
- NA 160 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 50 fathoms.
- NA 161 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 50 fathoms.
- C 162 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 25 fathoms.
- C 163 Simplify bag and possession limits for king salmon in Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.
- C A Add sablefish logbook reporting requirements. RC 71 p. 28

PROPOSAL 101

Committee A Report

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PROPOSAL 101 – 5 AAC 28.550. Description of South Alaska Peninsula Area; and 5 AAC 28.600. Description of Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area. Clarify groundfish management areas.

Staff Reports: RC 3, Oral Tab 1, Written Tab 10, 11.

Staff Comments: RC 2.

Deliberation Materials: None.

AC Reports: RC 1, Advisory Committee Comment Tab, AC 1, 3.

Timely Public Comment: None.

Record Comments: RC 17.

Narrative of Support and Opposition:

Department:

- Housekeeping proposal.
- Language in original proposal did not match federal coordinates; substitute language in RC 17 provides corrected coordinates for amended proposal.

Department of Law: None.

Federal Subsistence Representative: None.

Support: None.

Opposition: None.

General: None.

POSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADF&G Position: Support.

AC Positions: Support: None.
Oppose: None.

Public Panel Recommendation: Consensus to support as amended in RC 17.

Board Committee Recommendation: None.

Substitute Language: RC 17 as follows:

5 AAC 28.550 Description of South Alaska Peninsula Area would be amended to:
The South Alaska Peninsula Area consists of all waters of Alaska in the Pacific Ocean between a line extending 135° southeast from Kupreanof Point (55° 33.98' N. lat., 159° 35.88' W. long.) and 170° W.

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long., including those waters south of the latitude of Nichols Point ($54^{\circ} 51.5' \text{ N. lat.}$) near False Pass, and south from lines extending from Unimak Island ($54^{\circ} 23.74' \text{ N. lat., } 164^{\circ} 44.73' \text{ W long.}$) to Akun Island ($54^{\circ} 11.71' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 23.09' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Akun Island ($54^{\circ} 08.40' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 38.29' \text{ W. long.}$) to Akutan Island ($54^{\circ} 07.69' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 39.74' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Akutan Island ($54^{\circ} 02.69' \text{ N. lat., } 166^{\circ} 02.93' \text{ W. long.}$) to Unalaska Island ($53^{\circ} 58.97' \text{ N. lat., } 166^{\circ} 16.50' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Unalaska Island ($53^{\circ} 18.95' \text{ N. lat., } 167^{\circ} 51.06' \text{ W. long.}$) to Unmak Island ($53^{\circ} 23.13' \text{ N. lat., } 167^{\circ} 50.50' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Unmak Island ($52^{\circ} 49.24' \text{ N. lat., } 169^{\circ} 07.10' \text{ W. long.}$) to Chuginakak Island ($52^{\circ} 49.18' \text{ N. lat., } 169^{\circ} 40.47' \text{ W. long.}$).

5 AAC 28.600 Description of Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area would be amended to: The Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area consists of all territorial waters of Alaska in the Bering Sea, and in that portion of the North Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Aleutian Islands and west of $170^{\circ} \text{ W. long.}$, including those waters north of the latitude of Nichols Point ($54^{\circ} 51.5' \text{ N. lat.}$) near False Pass, and north from lines extending from Unimak Island ($54^{\circ} 23.74' \text{ N. lat., } 164^{\circ} 44.73' \text{ W long.}$) to Akun Island ($54^{\circ} 11.71' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 23.09' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Akun Island ($54^{\circ} 08.40' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 38.29' \text{ W. long.}$) to Akutan Island ($54^{\circ} 07.69' \text{ N. lat., } 165^{\circ} 39.74' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Akutan Island ($54^{\circ} 02.69' \text{ N. lat., } 166^{\circ} 02.93' \text{ W. long.}$) to Unalaska Island ($53^{\circ} 58.97' \text{ N. lat., } 166^{\circ} 16.50' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Unalaska Island ($53^{\circ} 18.95' \text{ N. lat., } 167^{\circ} 51.06' \text{ W. long.}$) to Unmak Island ($53^{\circ} 23.13' \text{ N. lat., } 167^{\circ} 50.50' \text{ W. long.}$), and from Unmak Island ($52^{\circ} 49.24' \text{ N. lat., } 169^{\circ} 07.10' \text{ W. long.}$) to Chuginakak Island ($52^{\circ} 49.18' \text{ N. lat., } 169^{\circ} 40.47' \text{ W. long.}$).

PROPOSAL 103

- King Cove AC intended for Pacific cod.

POSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADF&G Position: Neutral.

AC Positions: Support: King Cove.
Oppose: Unalaska/Dutch Harbor.

Public Panel Recommendation: No consensus.

Board Committee Recommendation: None.

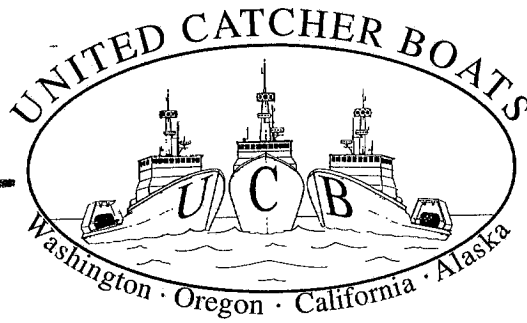
Substitute Language:

5 AAC 28.577 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(xx) In the South Alaska Peninsula Area, a vessel participating in a parallel season for Pacific cod may not be more than 58 feet in overall length. In this section overall length means the straight line length between extremities of the vessel, excluding anchor rollers.

RC 68

Proposal 111



Alaska Board of Fisheries
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811

February 5, 2010

RE: RC Submittal: UCB Substitute Proposal for Proposal 111, Closure of Unalaska Bay

Dear Board of Fisheries Members,

We wish to provide the Board of Fisheries a modified, or compromise proposal to Proposal 111 as follows.

From the start of the Bering Sea Pollock 'B' season (June 10) to August 1, close the following area to pelagic trawl fishing within Unalaska Bay south of the following line:

Starting at Priest Rock (55 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds N Lat, 166 degrees 22 minutes 50 sec West Long) go 8.68 miles in a southwesterly direction to the Hog Island IALA navigation buoy (53 deg 55 min 25 sec N, 166 deg 34 sec 15 min W), and then go 2.75 miles due west to landfall in Broad Bay (53 degrees 55 min 25 sec North Lat, 166 deg 38 min 80 sec West Long).

This proposal will allow the Pollock fleet to fish during the period August 1 to October 31 in an area that does not overlap with areas in Unalaska Bay traditionally used for personal use and subsistence activities and also prohibits Pollock fishing during the summer months when personal use and subsistence activities are most active.

Thank you very much for considering this compromise proposal and we hope it helps in your decision making process.

Sincerely,

Brent Paine
Executive Director

PROPOSAL III

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Unalaska Bay Proposed Trawl Closure Area

Bering Sea

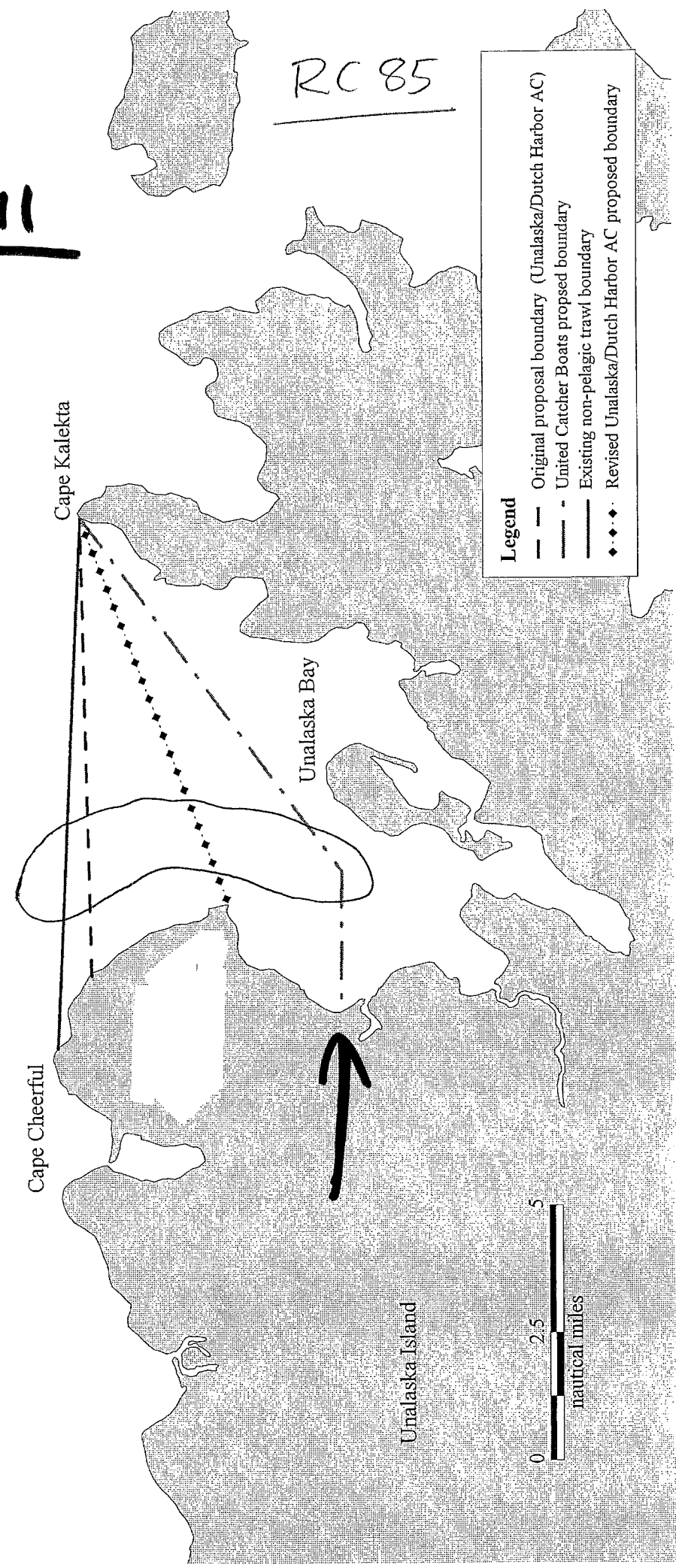
Cape Cheerful
Cape Kalekta

Unalaska Bay

Unalaska Island

Legend

- Original proposal boundary (Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC)
- - - United Catcher Boats proposed boundary
- · - Existing non-pelagic trawl boundary
- ◆ · ◆ · Revised Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC proposed boundary



PROPOSAL 113

Public Panel Recommendation: Consensus to support.

Board Committee Recommendation: None.

Substitute Language: RC 17

5 AAC28.647 Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan.

(d)(2) would be amended to:

Pacific cod may be taken only with groundfish pots, mechanical jigging machines, longline, non-pelagic trawl, and hand troll gear. **Pot gear may be longlined. For the purposes of this subsection longlined pot gear is a stationary, buoyed, and anchored line with more than one pot attached. Each end of a groundfish pot longline must be marked with a buoy bearing the ADF&G number of the vessel operating that groundfish longline pot gear as well as the letters "GFL" to designate the gear as a groundfish pot longline;**

PROPOSAL 114

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POSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADF&G Position: Neutral.

AC Positions: Support: None.
Oppose: None.

Public Panel Recommendation: No consensus.

Board Committee Recommendation: None.

Substitute Language:

5 AAC 28.647(d)(3)(B) is amended to read:

(d)(3)(B) state waters 'B' season,

(i) from June 10 through July 31, a vessel may not be more than
60 feet in over all length for any gear type;(ii) beginning August 1, 2010, a pot vessel may be no more
than 125 feet in overall length;

PROPOSAL 129

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Substitute Language:

It is the board's intent to amend the following regulations to incorporate a date change from September 30 to October 31 with management based on coho salmon abundance. The following regulations would be amended: 5 AAC 09.310. Fishing Seasons; 5 AAC 09.360 Southeastern District Mainland Plan; and 5 AAC 09.366 Post – June Salmon Management for the South Alaska Peninsula.

PROPOSAL 131

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Board Committee Recommendation: Consensus to support.

Substitute Language:

5 AAC 09.331 Gillnet specifications and operations.

(b)(3)(c) in the Southeastern District Mainland beginning July 26 and in the Shumagin Islands beginning August 1, the mesh size of a set gillnet may not be less than four and one half inches.

PROPOSAL 156

Public Panel Recommendation: Consensus to support.

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Board Committee Recommendation: None.

Substitute Language:

5 AAC 09.331(b)(8) is amended to read:

(8) in the [CINDER RIVER AND] Inik Section of the Northern District, a person may not place the seaward end of a set gillnet further than one-half mile from the permanent vegetation line of the beach, except that in the **Cinder River and** Seal Islands a person may not place the seaward end of a set gillnet further than one-half mile from the mean high tide mark;

PROPOSAL 158

POSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADF&G Position: Neutral.

AC Positions: Support: None.
Oppose: Unalaska.

Public Panel Recommendation: Consensus to support with a July 25 end date for the setnet fleet.

Board Committee Recommendation: Consensus to support substitute language.

Substitute Language: 5 AAC 27.655 is amended to read:

(xx) after July 25, if the gillnet fishery has not harvested its allocation, the remaining allocation may be taken by either gear group; if the seine group exceeds its allocation before July 25, then that amount shall be deducted from any remaining quota for that year after July 25; if the seine group exceeds the total allocation after July 25, then the seine group overage shall be deducted from the next years' seine allocation as stated in (b) of this section.

PROPOSAL 159

Public Panel Recommendation: Consensus to support.

Board Committee Recommendation: Consensus to support substitute language.

Substitute Language: 5 AAC 27.657 is amended to read:

In the Adak District, the department may manage the commercial herring fishery to allow a harvest of up to 500 tons, using either seine or gillnet gear, in the waters of the state between 175° 30' W. long. and 177° W. long., from June 24 through February 28. The fishery will be conducted in compliance with the terms of a permit issued by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

PROPOSAL A
AMMEND SAAC 28.640 (g)

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Each vessel operator shall obtain and complete a logbook provided by the department for all fishing activity in the waters of Alaska under this section. The logbook must be on board the vessel at all times and copies of each logbook page corresponding with and ADF&G fish ticket for sablefish must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing.

PROPOSAL A