Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Proposals

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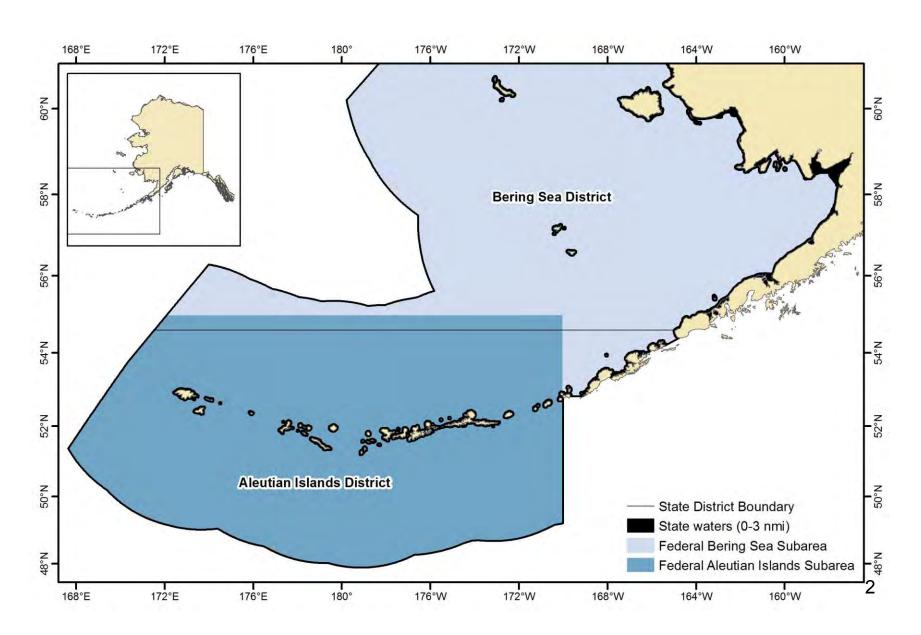
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Overview

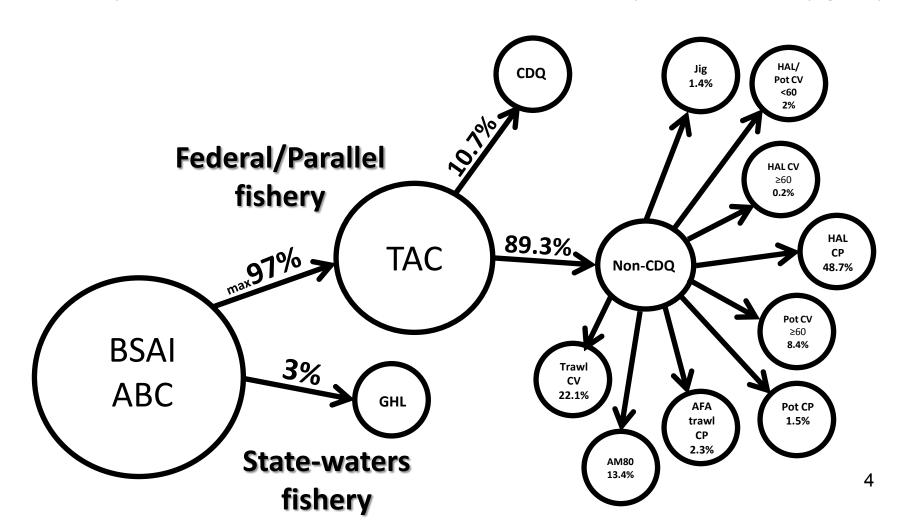
 Proposals 30-33: amend the Aleutian Islands District Pacific cod fishery management plan

 Proposals 29 and 34-37: address creation or expansion of fisheries in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Pacific cod

Proposal 34: Moratorium on fishery development or expansion

Review by NPFMC and NMFS, BOF and ADF&G, and respective advisory groups

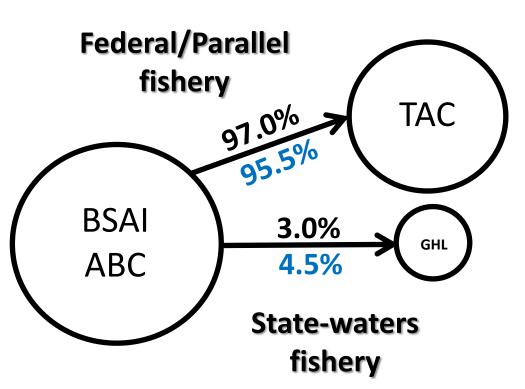


Aleutian Islands Pacific cod

Proposal 29: Increase GHL

Current GHL: 3% of BSAI ABC

Proposed GHL: 4.5% of BSAI ABC (50% increase)



• GHL:

- A-season GHL reached in
 5 of 7 seasons
- B-season GHL reached in
 2 of 7 seasons

Harvest:

- 0.1% to 3.0% of ABC (0.6 to 11.7 million lb)
- Average 1.9% of ABC (8.7 million lb)

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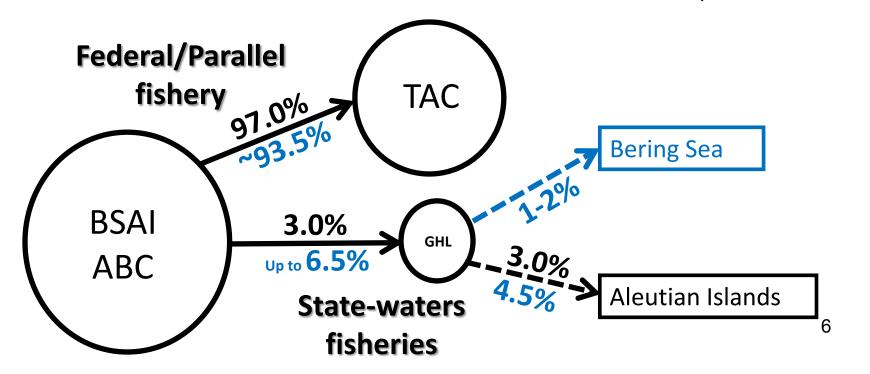
Proposals 35 & 36: Establish state-waters fishery

Currently:

- No state-waters fishery
- Managed as parallel fishery

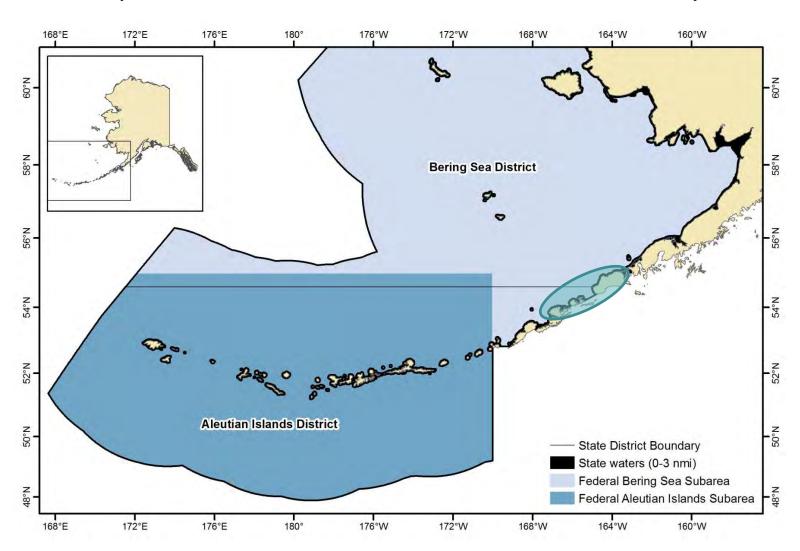
As proposed:

- Vessel size limit: 58 or 60 feet
- Gear: pot and jig
- Exclusive registration
- GHL: 1-2% of BSAI ABC (5-10 million lbs)



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Proposals 35 & 36: Establish state-waters fishery



Aleutian Islands Atka mackerel

Proposal 37: Establish state-waters fishery

Currently:

- Parallel fishery for trawl and jig gear
- Jig TAC = 265,654 pounds (5-yr average)
- Commissioner's permit issued in 2012 for experimental use of seine gear, effort made with no harvest

As proposed:

- GHL: derived from federal jig TAC
- Gear: seine gear
- Vessel size limit: 60 feet or less



Aleutian Islands Atka mackerel

Proposal 37: Establish state-waters fishery

