

Proposal 34

Place moratorium on new or expanded state-waters pacific cod fisheries in Area O

5 AAC 28. is amended to add a new section to read:

5 AAC 28.648. Area O Pacific Cod Management Plan

a) This management plan governs the management, conservation, and development of Pacific cod in state waters of Area O.

b) There shall be no new or expanded pacific cod fisheries in state waters of Area O until a long-term management plan is adopted by he board.

c) The management plan adopted by the board shall obtain the input and consideration by the department, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Area O fishery advisory committees, processors, and the department.

d) Among any other factors to be considered in the plan adopted by the board, the plan may consider:

- (1) the parallel season during which the use of the same gear allowed in the federal Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area Pacific cod season;
- (2) enforcement and management considerations;
- (3) existing harvest levels;
- (4) number of existing participants and effects on traditional harvesters;
- (5) pacific cod biomass;
- (6) bycatch;
- (7) present and possible gear types used in the fishery;
- (8) additional data needs to be developed to conserve and prosecute the fishery;
- (9) fishing grounds available that would be productive;
- (10) gear limits and areas of concentration; and
- (11) observer programs.

Submitted by
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Review of Federal issues for Board of Fish proposals, October 18 to 24

| Area | # | Proposal | Proposed by | Concerns for Federal fisheries | Change harvest specifications | Stellar sea lion | Change PSC | Change catch accounting/elandings | Impact observer coverage | FMP or Regulatory amendment, other notes |
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| State wide | 1 | Est. TAC definition, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Chignik | 2 | Increase GHL all 3 areas, 10 year ave | Alexus Kwocicka | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Chignik | 3 | Increase GHL Chignik, 17.5% | Aloys Kopun | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Chignik | 4 | Increase GHL Chignik, 17% | Rachel Allen | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Chignik | 5 | Increase GHL, State waters catch | Dean Anderson | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Chignik | 6 | Open for longline July 15 | Dia Kuznini | No | No | May need to reconisit | Yes | Yes, minimal | No | No |
| Kodiak, Chignik, SAP | 7 | Landing, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Chignik | 8 | Pot limit, >50 ft to 50% of pot GHL | Rachel Allen | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 9 | Pot daily trip limit 20,000 lbs | Tony Gregorio | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 10 | Decrease pot limit from 60 to 30 | City of Chignik | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 11 | Fishing day 6 am to 8 pm | City of Chignik | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 12 | Pot size decreased | Tony Gregorio | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 13 | Rollover date from Oct 30 to Aug 14 | City of Chignik | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | May decrease federal pot catch |
| | 14 | Remove superexclusive for jig | Arthur Schultz | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 15 | Jig from Mar 15 to Mar 7, limit jig size | City of Chignik | No | No | No | No | Yes, minimal | No | No |
| South AK Peninsula | 16 | Fish BS GHL in new SAP, some as 17 | Roymond Nutt | Yes | Yes | May need to reconisit | Yes | Yes, major | Yes | Yes |
| [SAP] | 17 | Fish BS GHL in new SAP, some as 16 | Peninsula Pot Fishermen | Yes | Yes | May need to reconisit | Yes | Yes, major | Yes | Yes |
| | 18 | Increase GHL 25% to 50% | King Cove Adv. Com. | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| | 19 | Increase GHL 25% to 50% | Roymond Nutt | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| | 20 | Increase GHL 25% to 55% | Peninsula Pot Fishermen | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| | 21 | Superexclusive from exclusive | Folie Pass Adv. Com. | Yes | Decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| | 22 | Superexclusive from exclusive | Raymond Nutt | No | No | May need to reconisit | No | No | No | No |
| | 23 | Open pot Mar 7 or 7 days after Fed. | False Pass Adv. Com. | No | No | No | No | Yes, minimal | No | No |
| | 24 | Open pot Mar 12 or 7 days after Fed. | Kiley Thompson/Dwain Foster | No | No | No | No | Yes, minimal | No | No |
| | 25 | Weather delay, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | Yes, minimal | No | No |
| | 26 | Pot storage, same as 27 | Corey Wilson | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 27 | Pot storage, same as 26 | Kiley Thompson/Dwain Foster | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| | 28 | Trawl closure, Canon, Snak for crab | WGOA pot Assn. | No | No | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| Aleutian Islands | 29 | Increase GHL 3% to 4.5% ADG | ADF&G | Yes | May decrease TAC | May need to reconisit | Yes | No | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Aleutian Islands | 30 | Clarity A, B rollover, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Aleutian Islands | 31 | Bycatch limits - max. retainable amounts | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | No | No | State may set MRA higher to decrease discards |
| Aleutian Islands | 32 | Clarity State/Fed seasons, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Aleutian Islands | 33 | AI SSL/EPH, housekeeping | ADF&G | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Add Sequam Foraging Area, 50 CFR 679 Table 12 |
| Bering Sea | 34 | Moratorium of GHL | Jeff Steele | No | No | No | No | No | No | Harvest specifications |
| Bering Sea | 35 | New Bering Sea GHL for pot/jig | Matt Hegge | Yes | May decrease TAC | Include Bogoslov Exemption Area | Yes | Yes | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| Bering Sea | 36 | New Bering Sea GHL for pot/jig | King Cove Adv. Com. | Yes | May decrease TAC | Include Bogoslov Exemption Area | Yes | Yes | Yes | Harvest specifications |
| AI - Atka mackerel | 37 | State waters fishery for seine gear | Board of Fish | Yes | In 2013, SAJ jigset at .05% TAC could increase to 2% and lower TAC for AB0, BSAI trawl limited across | a. Seine gear not in all protection measures, b. 50 CFR 679 Table 12 and Seagum Foraging Area closed to Atka mackerel directed fishing | No | Yes, include seine gear catch | No | No |

- 1. Bold means proposed by the ADF&G or Board of Fish
- 2. Italics and shaded means concerns for Federal fisheries
- 3. Changes harvest specifications - In the GOA, usually TAC is set at ABC minus GHL. In the BSAI, the TAC may be set less than ABC minus GHL. BSAI Pacific cod is expected to have separate 2014 BS and AI OFLs, ABCs.
- 4. Changes in Stellar sea lions - Changes to Pacific cod harvest may require reconisultation.
- 5. Changes to prohibited species catch (PSC) status - Changes to gear catching Pacific cod may change PSC.
- 6. Impact observer coverage - Federal observer coverage is not required in GHL fisheries (unless retaining IFQ/CDO halibut or IFQ sablefish).
- 7. FMP or Regulatory amendments - The Council may decide to change Federal Pacific cod sector allocations if reduced TAC prevents a sector's directed fishery.