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CHIGNIK, ALASKA PENINSULA, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, BERING SEA PACIFIC COD

October 18-19, 2018
Egan Convention and Civic Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(17 proposals)

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1:</u> ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SUBDISTRICT PACIFIC COD MANAGEMENT PLAN

(8 proposals: Chair – Member Ruffner)

Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan (8 proposals)

- Repeal and replace the *Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan* with management measures found in the *Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan*.
- 2 Eliminate the 15-million-pound cap in the *Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan*.
- Amend the *Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan* to reduce the guideline harvest level based on processor availability.
- 4 Decrease Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level if the guideline harvest level is not fully harvested the previous year.
- Increase the 2020 Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters guideline harvest level if 2019 Pacific cod harvest by trawl catcher vessel participants in the federal Unrestricted Fishery diminishes access to the full Aleutian Islands Catcher Vessel Harvest Set-Aside.
- 6 Limit fishing for Pacific cod in the Adak section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict to vessels 60 feet or less overall length and establish a guideline harvest level rollover provision.
- Increase vessel size limit to 100 feet overall length for trawl gear vessels during parallel and state-waters Pacific cod seasons in the Adak Section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict.
- 8 Establish a pot limit for the Aleutian Island Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

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<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2:</u> DUTCH HARBOR SUBDISTRICT PACIFIC COD MANAGEMENT PLAN, CHIGNIK AREA, AND SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA PACIFIC COD MANAGEMENT PLANS

(9 proposals: Chair – Member Johnson)

Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan (7 proposals)

- Close waters of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict to groundfish fishing with non-pelagic trawl gear while the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season is open.
- Extend the eastern boundary of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict.
- Establish a state-waters Pacific cod harvest allocation for jig gear vessels in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict.
- Increase guideline harvest level to 20 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea Subarea.
- Increase Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level to 10% of the acceptable biological catch for Pacific cod in the federal Bering Sea subarea and expand the area eastward.
- Increase Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level to 8% of the acceptable biological catch for Pacific cod in the federal Bering Sea subarea and expand the area eastward.
- Limit the amount of Pacific cod that may be onboard a vessel participating in the Dutch Harbor subdistrict Pacific cod fishery to 150,000 pounds and require daily harvest reports.

Chignik Area and South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plans (2 proposals)

- Resolve conflict in season opening dates between Chignik Area state-waters and parallel Pacific cod fisheries.
- 17 Repeal weather delay provision for jig gear vessels during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.