

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Chignik Finfish and Adak Cod
January 16 - 19, 2011
Anchorage, Alaska

Preliminary Summary

Chignik Groundfish

- C 83 Establish 58 foot vessel size limit in parallel Pacific cod fisheries.
- F 84 Modify Pacific cod fishery registration requirements.
- F 85 Reduce jig allocation to 5 percent for state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- F 86 Establish rollover criteria for state-waters Pacific cod jig allocation.
- NA 87 Reduce jig allocation to 5 percent for state-waters Pacific cod fishery; however, pot fleet may take jig allocation if no registered jig gear. (*Support by author withdrawn.*)
- C 88 Change season opening date for state-waters Pacific cod fishery to March 15.
- F 90 Establish pre-season registration deadline to participate in state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- NA 91 Implement prior participation requirements for registering for the state-waters Pacific cod fishery. (*Due to lack of authority.*)
- C 92 Allow deep water pot gear storage prior to the opening of the state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- C 93 Repeal one type of mechanical jigging machine gear.
- C/A 94 Modify fishing season regulation that allows groundfish to be taken at any time in the Chignik Area. (*Added language to specify that black rockfish may be taken from January 1 through December 31, unless closed by emergency order.*)
- C 332 Steller sea lion protection measures in Aleutian Islands.

Chignik Subsistence Salmon

- NA 95 Open area to subsistence fishing. (*Based on Proposal 96.*)
- NA 96 Open area to subsistence fishing.

Chignik Commercial Salmon

- C 97 Open commercial salmon fishing concurrently with the Chignik Bay and Central District in the Western District.
- F 98 Increase Chignik purse seine length.
- F 99 Modify the salmon management plan.

Chignik Sport Fisheries

- NA 100 Reduce king salmon bag limit to 1 per day with annual limit of 2. (*Based on Proposal 99.*)
- F 101 Prohibit barbed hooks and bait.

Adak cod fishery

The board adopted an emergency regulation to open the A season Pacific cod parallel water fishery in the near Adak. The emergency regulation specified that in the Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Area, the state waters between 175° W. long. and 178° W. long. shall be open to fishing with trawl, pot, mechanical jigging machine gear, and hand troll gear by vessels no more than sixty feet in overall length and to fishing with longline gear by vessels no more than 58 feet in overall length. The board's intent was to have the emergency regulation effective immediately and continue for up to 120 days.

The board also generated a proposal for the A and B season cod fishery in the Adak area and scheduled the proposal for the March 22-26, 2011 meeting in Anchorage.

The board wrote a letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to explain the basis of board action on Proposal 332 and to request NMFS officially classify the Kanaga Island Steller sea lion site as rookeries through federal regulation so that rookery sites can be treated consistently in state regulations.

Other

The board repealed the groundfish guiding principles (5 AAC 28.089) for the Chignik Area.

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