

PROPOSAL 16 – 5 AAC 28.648. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Increase guideline harvest level for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery from three percent to seven percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch, as follows:

5 AAC 28.648(e)(1) Increase the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict from three percent of the total harvest of Pacific cod for the Federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area to five percent. If five percent is taken in a season by under 58 foot vessels using 60 pots the GHL would increase to seven percent the following season. (This stair-step approach is how the Gulf of Alaska state water fisheries were developed in the late-90s.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Increase the allocation for the state water Pacific cod pot fishery in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict to provide opportunity for small boats. State water fisheries have become very important fisheries for state residents. There is a very low bycatch of halibut in the pot fishery.

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