

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
201st Plenary Session
Dec. 8-14, 2010
Anchorage, AK Hilton Hotel
RE: Groundfish management D-1 (a)

For the Record- Public comment of Doug Waterbury

Chairman Olsen, Mr. Secretary and council members,

I 'm Ryan Horwath, owner/operator of the 52' jig vessel F/V Pacific Cloud. I ask that the Council advance this action (management of the GOA P cod jig fishery) for analysis and proceed with developing a purpose and need statement with a set of alternatives for initial review. Regarding the alternatives suggested in the discussion paper, I advocate **Alternative 3 (Reverse Parallel Fishery)**. I respectfully request that the Council work closely and diligently with stakeholders and the Alaska Board of Fish in making this concept a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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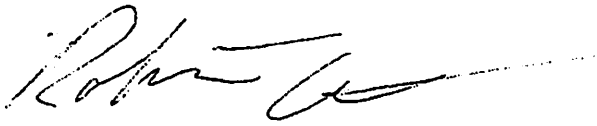
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Chairman Olsen, Mr. Secretary and council members,

I 'm Robert Carter, owner/operator of the 54' jig vessel F/V Faith, home port Kodiak. I ask that the Council advance this action (management of the GOA P cod jig fishery) for analysis and proceed with developing a purpose and need statement with a set of alternatives for initial review. Regarding the alternatives suggested in the discussion paper, I advocate **Alternative 3 (Reverse Parallel Fishery)**. I respectfully request that the Council work closely and diligently with stakeholders and the Alaska Board of Fish in making this concept a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

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RE: Management of Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Jig Fishery

Attn: Chair and council members

My name is Raleigh Eager. I am the operator of the 45 foot Silver Fox. A long-time Kodiak resident and jig fisherman, I am almost wholly dependent on the Pacific cod fishery. I am writing today in support of alternative three as listed in the discussion paper on the management of the Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod jig fishery. I feel this alternative (reversed parallel fishery) will best maintain access for jig gear and allow for the best opportunity to harvest the total allowable catch. It is my belief that the State of Alaska's successful management of jig fisheries to date, as well as its long track record in other small boat fisheries, makes it the most appropriate agency to manage this fishery.

Thank you

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Chairman Olsen, Mr. Secretary and council members,

I 'm Doug Waterbury, owner/operator of the Kodiak ported 48' jig vessel F/V Charlyda. I ask that the Council advance this action (management of the GOA P cod jig fishery) for analysis and proceed with developing a purpose and need statement with a set of alternatives for initial review. Regarding the alternatives suggested in the discussion paper, I advocate **Alternative 3 (Reverse Parallel Fishery)**. I respectfully request that the Council work closely and diligently with stakeholders and the Alaska Board of Fish in making this concept a reality. Thank you for your consideration.

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Eric Olson, Chair
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 W. Fourth Ave.
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RE: Agenda Item D-1 (a) GOA Pacific Cod Jig Fishery

Dear Chairman Olson,

The small boat fleet remains an integral component of coastal communities in maintaining working waterfronts throughout Alaska. As a member of that fleet and outreach coordinator for Alaska Marine Conservation Council we appreciate the steps the Council has taken to maintain this fleet. One of the greatest challenges in limiting access into fisheries with excess capacity is providing a means for entry level opportunity. When access to fisheries is regulated through catch shares and limited licenses, the cost to enter increases dramatically. This cost creates an economic barrier for young fishermen looking to enter into commercial fishing and work their way up. In the GOA cod sector split action, the Council addressed this issue through a set aside of non historical quota, allowing growth in the jig sector.

Further steps are needed to manage the jig fishery in a manner that allows the sector allocation to succeed. We encourage the Council to develop a purpose and need statement and move forward with an analysis. In addition, a set of alternatives will need to be formulated and we recommend moving forward those outlined in the discussion paper. Based on discussions with the fleet in Kodiak, the preferred alternative at this time is Alternative 3, the reverse parallel structure. We believe this alternative would provide the greatest opportunity to fish in federal waters when weather conditions are most favorable. This action would increase the likelihood of harvesting the jig quota, attaining OY and meeting the goals of the action in providing substantial entry level opportunity.

The jig fleet is committed to working with the Council and would like to see a management structure in place at the same time the sector split goes into effect. Fishermen in Kodiak and other coastal communities are trying to adapt to limited opportunity as a result of restricted access. With a structure in place geared to provide year round fishing opportunity, the jig fishery can serve to round out a diversified fishing portfolio. Combination vessels depend on a variety of fisheries to weather the ups and downs, particularly young fishermen who may have high payments in accessing fisheries with higher entry cost. We appreciate the opportunity to transform the jig fishery into a viable entry level opportunity.

Sincerely,

Theresa Peterson
Kodiak Outreach Coordinator

PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP SHEET

Agenda Item: D-1(a) GOA & Cod jig fishery

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