ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
REPORT TO THE NPFMC
Agenda Item B-3

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Karla Bush
Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod

Pounds


Jig Pot GHL
Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod

- **B season**
- **Combined seasons**
- **A season**
- **GHL**
- **5-year average**
- **Confidential**

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## Board of Fisheries

### Statewide scallops

| C/A (7-0) | 369 | Implement management plan for open-access weathervane scallop fishery in waters of Alaska. *Amended with language found in RC 65.* |

### Kodiak Area Groundfish

| N/A | 43 | Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58' in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik Management Areas. *Proposer withdrew support (RC 91)* |
| N/A | 44 | Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik Management Areas. *Tabled to Statewide meeting in March 2015.* |
| N/A | 45 | Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik Management Areas. *No action based on action taken under Proposal 44.* |

| F (0-7) | 101 | Close Alitak Bay to trawl gear. |
| C (4-3) | 102 | Prohibit nonpelagic trawling in state waters of the Kodiak Management Area |
Statewide King and Tanner Crab, and Supplementary Items
March 17 – 21, 2014, Anchorage Sheraton

Norton Sound Crab
346 Adjust harvest rates and trigger points based on changes in abundance model.

Aleutian Islands Crab
348 Increase harvest limit for Aleutian Islands golden king crab by 15%.

The harvest levels for the Registration Area O golden king crab fishery are as follows:
(1) east of 174 degrees W. long.: \(3.81\) [3.31] million pounds; and
(2) west of 174 degrees W. long.: \(3.43\) [2.98] million pounds.

349 Modify Aleutian Islands golden king crab season.

(b) Male golden king crab may be taken only from 12:00 noon \(\text{May 15} [\text{August 15}]\) through 11:59 p.m. \(\text{February 15} [\text{May 15}]\)

350 Establish districts for western Aleutian Islands red king crab.

“\(\text{The portion of Area O between 171 and 179 degrees west longitude shall be defined as the “Adak District” and the portion of Area O west of 179 degrees west longitude shall be defined as the “Petrel District”}\).”

351 Establish management measures for Adak red king crab fishery.

\(\text{Daytime fishing hours, logbooks, daily reporting}\)

352 Close federal waters between \(171° \text{ W long and 179° W long}\) to fishing when red king crab GHL in state-waters is less than 250,000 pounds.
Establish registration deadline for Adak red king crab.

Open Adak red king crab fishery by emergency order July 1.

Exempt persons and vessels participating in Adak red king crab fishery from participating in certain other fisheries.

Add Adak as tank inspection location for red king crab.

Amend description of Aleutian Islands king crab registration area.

Proposal clarifies coordinates of eastern boundary (Scotch Cap Light).

Bering Sea Crab

Revise St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery harvest strategy.

Would change the regulatory threshold for opening and fishery harvest rate.

Allow groundfish pots in St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery.

Eliminate king crab pot marking for Registration Area Q (St. Matthew).

Modify gear marking requirements for longline pots in the Bering Sea golden king crab fishery.

Specify vertical placement of escape rings and update definition of escape ring placement in Bering Sea Tanner and snow crab fisheries.

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Crab (1 proposal)

Clarify vessel check-out provisions in rationalized crab fisheries.

Supplemental Issues

Amend statewide groundfish possession requirements so that the retainable bycatch level of a species of groundfish is assessed only at the time of delivery.
Questions?