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

November 30 – December 1, 2015 Egan Convention and Civic Center, Anchorage

#### TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(21 proposals)

# <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1:</u> CHIGNIK PACIFIC COD (9 proposals: Chair – Huntington)

#### Proposal Number

- Add purse seine gear as an additional gear type to share the 10 percent mechanical jigging machine and hand troll (jig) gear allocation in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- 2 Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)
- Apportion the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length.
- 4 Establish daily pot gear fishing periods for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- 5 Change date that gear limits may be removed in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- Include a change in designation of Chignik Area from a superexclusive registration area to a nonexclusive registration area after October 30 in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- 7 Change pot storage regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.
- 8 Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel.
- 9 Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.

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## <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2:</u> SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA PACIFIC COD

(4 proposals: Chair – Jeffrey)

#### Proposal Number

- Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.
- Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 40 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.
- Apportion the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length.
- Resolve conflict in pot storage regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.

# <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3:</u> BERING SEA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS PACIFIC COD

(8 proposals: Chair – Kluberton)

#### Proposal Number

- 14 Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable biological catch for subareas of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.
- Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery boundaries and increase the state-waters fishery guideline harvest level from three percent to nine percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch.
- 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.
- Increase the vessel size limit from 58 to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management.
- Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod B season based on remaining guideline harvest level.
- Define waters between 175° W long to 178° W long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod fishery.
- Update state-waters Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with current federal references for Steller sea lion protection.