<u>PROPOSAL 42</u> - 5 AAC 28.330. Lawful gear for Cook Inlet Area. Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area, as follows:

A groundfish pot may not be attached to a line connected to another groundfish pot <u>except that in</u> <u>the Cook Inlet sablefish fishery groundfish pots may be connected if each end of the buoy line is marked as specified by (d) of this section.</u>

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fishing sablefish with pots in the Cook Inlet Area. This proposal follows existing state water sablefish regulations in other areas.