Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, Dutch Harbor Subdistrict, Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Jig Gear Registration and Season Dates (1 proposal)

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5 AAC 28.506. Chignik Area registration; 5 AAC 28.537. Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.556. South Alaska Peninsula registration; 5 AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.647. Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan; 28.648. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.

Remove vessel registration exclusivity for state-waters jig gear fisheries and open state-waters Pacific cod seasons for jig gear on January 1, as follows:

Open all state water jig seasons on January 1st and remove the exclusivity requirements from all cod and rockfish jig fisheries statewide.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Remove all exclusive and super exclusive designations for jig fishing statewide and open state waters cod seasons on January 1 each year. This would eliminate the federal parallel jig fishery in state waters and promote harvest opportunities for the jig fleet. For example, there has been no jig harvest in the super exclusive Chignik management area for pacific cod and the rollover provision to the pot fleet has gone unharvested. This has lead to stranded GHL, failed to optimize opportunities for the jig fleet, has not provided a benefit to the pot fleet, and has not been the best use of the resource in providing a return to the State of Alaska.

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