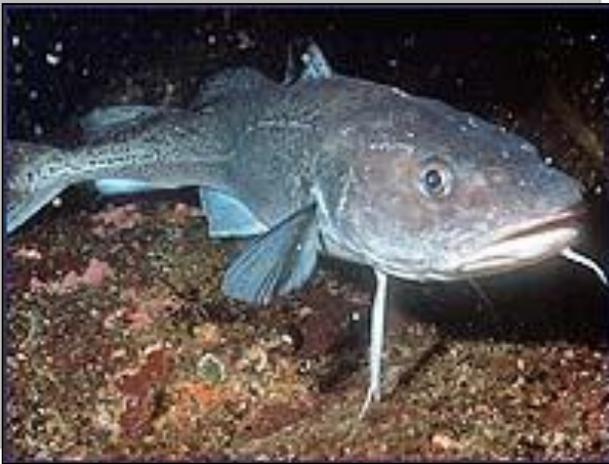




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North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meets June 3 – 9, 2009 in Anchorage



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The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) will take up several major issues on June 3 – 9, 2009 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. The council will take final action on the Bering Sea Aleutian Island Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries. The action contains an amendment to limit access in the Pacific cod parallel waters fishery.

The NPFMC will also review a discussion paper on Gulf of Alaska vessel capacity. In addition, the council will review alternatives for the parallel waters issue in the Pacific cod sector

split (discussed in the next story). Refining alternatives for the chum salmon bycatch

analysis is another issue the council will consider. Visit the link below for more information on the agenda items.

[Link to NPFMC Draft Agenda - June 3 - 9, 2009](#)

Gulf of Alaska Pacific Cod Sector Split

By Sam Cotten, NPFMC Member and AEB Fisheries Consultant



The Council is considering the Pacific cod sector split issue during its June meeting.

The reason the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering the Pacific cod sector split is discussed in the purpose and needs statement:

“...competition among the various gear types...”; “the competition among the sectors... may contribute to higher rates of bycatch, discards and out-of-season incidental catch of Pacific cod”; participants... who have made... investments and are dependent on the fishery face uncertainty...”; “allocation of the catch among sectors may reduce uncertainty and contribute to stability across the sectors.”

The allocations will be based on historical catches by the various sectors. The sectors include:

- Trawl catcher processor (CP)
- Trawl catcher vessel (CV)
- Hook and Line (HAL) CP – with an option to further divide between boats greater than 125’ and those less than 125’. HAL CV – with an option to further divide between boats greater than 60’ and those less than 60’.
- Another option for the Central Gulf is to divide greater than 50’ and less than 50’.
- Pot CV – option greater than 60’ and less than 60’.
- Pot CP

➤ Jig vessels

The following tables show possible allocations, depending on which years are chosen and depending on how the various sectors are identified. The council may choose percentages from the tables or within the range of options shown. For example, if the council chose 1995-2005 (best 7 years), the Trawl CV allocation would be 46.6% and the pot CV allocation would be 27.9%. If 2002-07 (best three years) were selected, the trawl sector would get 26.5 % and the pot sector would get 44.9 %. The council also has the option to choose a number somewhere in the middle, even if that number is not specifically listed in the table.

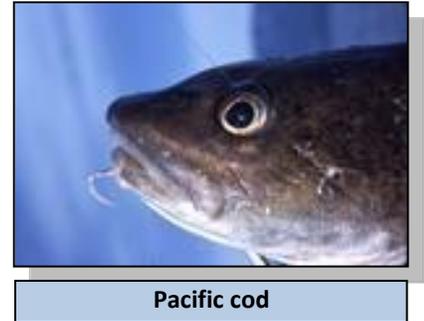


Table E-2 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CV	Jig CV	Pot CP	Pot CV	Trawl CP	Trawl CV
	1995-2005: Best 7 years	19.7%	0.6%	0.5%	2.2%	27.9%	2.5%	46.6%
	1995-2005: Best 5 years	18.6%	0.7%	0.5%	2.5%	30.4%	2.4%	44.9%
	2000-2006: Best 5 years	21.6%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%	40.5%	2.6%	31.7%
	2000-2006: Best 3 years	21.4%	0.9%	0.8%	2.7%	41.3%	2.7%	30.2%
	2002-2007: Best 5 years	22.6%	1.2%	0.6%	1.6%	45.7%	2.4%	26.0%
	2002-2007: Best 3 years	22.2%	1.5%	0.7%	1.8%	44.9%	2.5%	26.5%

Central Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CV	Jig CV	Pot CP	Pot CV	Trawl CP	Trawl CV
	1995-2005: Best 7 years	2.8%	17.3%	0.2%	1.5%	24.7%	5.3%	48.1%
	1995-2005: Best 5 years	3.4%	17.6%	0.2%	2.0%	25.2%	5.6%	45.9%
	2000-2006: Best 5 years	4.2%	20.8%	0.3%	1.0%	25.3%	4.4%	44.1%
	2000-2006: Best 3 years	4.7%	19.4%	0.4%	1.4%	27.9%	4.4%	41.9%
	2002-2007: Best 5 years	5.2%	22.6%	0.3%	0.4%	25.8%	3.5%	42.3%
	2002-2007: Best 3 years	4.9%	21.5%	0.4%	0.5%	28.1%	3.3%	41.3%

Table E-3 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs under sub-options to split sectors by vessel length

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CP	TRW CP	TRW CP	TRW CV	TRW CV
		<125	>12	<125	>125	<60	>60
	1995-2005: Best 7 years	16.8%	2.9%	1.1%	1.4%	32.8%	13.8%
	1995-2005: Best 5 years	15.4%	3.1%	0.8%	1.6%	30.9%	14.1%
	2000-2006: Best 5 years	18.1%	3.6%	1.4%	1.2%	24.6%	7.1%
	2000-2006: Best 3 years	17.6%	3.7%	1.3%	1.4%	23.6%	6.6%
	2002-2007: Best 5 years	17.5%	5.1%	1.5%	0.9%	21.4%	4.5%
	2002-2007: Best 3 years	17.6%	4.6%	1.6%	0.9%	23.0%	3.5%

Table E-3 Potential percent allocations of the Western and Central GOA Pacific cod TACs under sub-options to split sectors by vessel length

Central Gulf	Period	HAL CP	HAL CP	TRW CP	TRW CP	TRW CV	TRW CV
		<125	>125	<125	>125	<60	>60
	1995-2005: Best 7 years	0.8%	2.1%	1.1%	4.3%	8.0%	40.1%
	1995-2005: Best 5 years	0.8%	2.7%	1.0%	4.6%	8.5%	37.4%
	2000-2006: Best 5 years	0.6%	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%	1.7%	42.4%
	2000-2006: Best 3 years	0.5%	4.1%	1.4%	3.0%	1.7%	40.1%
	2002-2007: Best 5 years	0.8%	4.4%	1.7%	1.8%	1.1%	41.1%
	2002-2007: Best 3 years	0.5%	4.4%	1.4%	1.9%	1.5%	39.8%

Western Gulf	Period	HAL CV	HAL CV	HAL CV	HAL CV	Pot CV	Pot CV	Pot CV	Pot CV
		<50	>50	<60	>60	<50	>50	<60	>60
	1995-2005: Best 7 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	1.4%	26.5%	13.5%	14.4%
	1995-2005: Best 5 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	1.0%	29.3%	14.3%	16.1%
	2000-2006: Best 5 years	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	1.4%	39.1%	18.9%	21.6%
	2000-2006: Best 3 years	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%	1.4%	40.0%	19.8%	21.5%
	2002-2007: Best 5 years	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	1.7%	44.0%	20.8%	24.9%
	2002-2007: Best 3 years	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	43.4%	21.6%	23.3%

Central Gulf Period	HAL CV		HAL CV		Pot CV		Pot CV	
	<50	>50	<60	>60	<50	>50	<60	>60
1995-2005: Best 7 years	12.5%	4.8%	16.0%	1.3%	1.5%	23.2%	11.4%	13.3%
1995-2005: Best 5 years	12.8%	4.9%	16.3%	1.4%	1.4%	23.9%	11.3%	13.9%
2000-2006: Best 5 years	14.6%	6.2%	19.0%	1.8%	0.6%	24.6%	10.9%	14.4%
2000-2006: Best 3 years	13.9%	5.5%	18.0%	1.4%	0.7%	27.2%	11.4%	16.4%
2002-2007: Best 5 years	15.4%	7.1%	20.5%	2.0%	0.5%	25.3%	12.1%	13.7%
2002-2007: Best 3 years	14.7%	6.9%	19.8%	1.7%	0.5%	27.6%	13.0%	15.2%

Another option available for the Western Gulf would be to combine pot CV and trawl CV allocations.

[Link to: Initial Review - Allocation of Pacific cod among sectors in Western and Central GOA](#)

ADF&G Releases Fishery Management Plans for 2009

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) has released the following fishery management plans for 2009:

- 1) Southeastern District Mainland

[Link: Southeastern District Mainland 2009 Salmon Management Plan](#)



Several fishery management plans for 2009 are now available on the ADF&G Web site.

- 2) South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery

[Link: South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery 2009 Salmon Management Plan](#)

- 3) The AK Peninsula – Aleutian Islands - Sac Roe

[Link: AK Peninsula - Aleutian Islands Management Area Sac Roe Management Plan 2009](#)

- 4) AK Peninsula – Aleutian Islands Herring Food and Bait Herring Fisheries

[Link: AK Peninsula - Aleutian Islands Management Area Herring Food and Bait Fishing Management Plan 2009](#)

Reminder: AEB Fishermen Are No Longer Operating Under a Chum Cap During June Fishery

The Borough would like to remind Area M fishermen that we are no longer operating under a chum cap during the June Fishery. However, it's crucial that chum catches do not exceed previous regulatory limits. It's important that our fishery continues to operate in a responsible manner just as it has for the past several years.



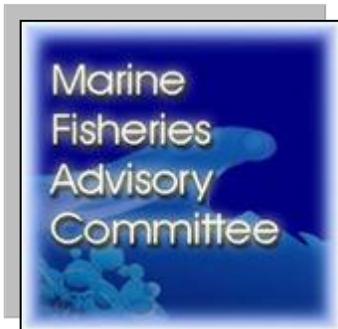
The Borough reminds Area M fishermen that it's critical chum catches don't exceed previous regulatory limits.

Area M's voluntary chum pool began about twenty years ago. At that time, the controversy involving Alaska's chum salmon rose to the surface when some residents living in the Kuskokwim and Yukon rivers believed Area M fishermen were taking too many chums. Afterwards, the Department of Fish and Game put chum salmon conservation measures into place in the

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) area and in the South Unimak/Shumagin Islands. As a result, Area M fishermen were restricted by a chum cap, which varied between 500,000 – 900,000 chum. Once that cap was reached, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game would close down the June fishery, including subsistence fishing. That occurred a few times, and it nearly bankrupted Area M's entire fleet.

In order to discourage fishermen from targeting that species and remove any incentive to catch chum, fishermen and processors decided in 1994 that all chums caught would be pooled so everyone would receive an equal share of the money. Over the years, the chum pool has been refined so that the calculations are based on area, gear and time fished. Many Area M fishermen believe the chum pool has worked well and has helped to prevent another closure of the June fishery.

Nominations Are Being Accepted for Appointment to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee



Nominations are being sought for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee beginning in October 2009. Nominations must be postmarked on or before June 5, 2009. For more information, visit the link below.

[Link to: Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee](#)

Aleutia Schedules Annual Membership Meeting for May 28th

The annual membership meeting for Aleutia has been scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Sand Point, King Cove, False Pass and Nelson Lagoon will all be connected via teleconference.



Interested fishermen are encouraged to apply for membership preceding the meeting. The cost is \$50 for a two-year membership. Membership applications can be requested from the office by calling 907-383-5909 or emailing aleutia@arctic.net.

The King Cove and At-Large board seat elections will be held at the meeting. Only members will be able to vote.

A case of 2009 Sockeye fillets will be given away as a door prize.

Meeting Locations:

- Sand Point City Chambers
- King Cove Harbor House
- False Pass IC Office
- Nelson Lagoon Tribal Office.

Agenda for Aleutia's Annual Membership Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. OLD BUSINESS
 1. 2008 Season
5. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Election
 2. 2009 Harvesting Procedures

3. 2009 Prices
4. 2008 Season Highliner
5. Presentations/Door Prize
6. COMMENTS
7. ADMOURNMENT

For more information on Aleutia, visit the link below:

[Aleutia: Pure - Wild - Alaskan](#)



Aleutia Seeks a Quality Control/Production Manager

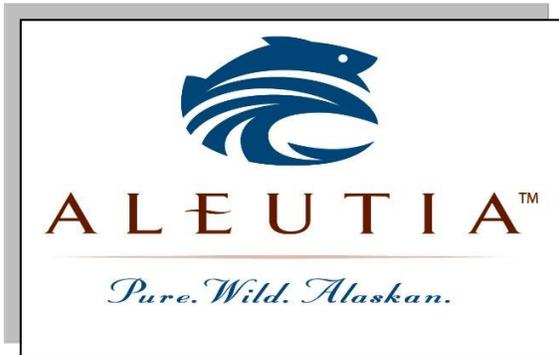
Aleutia wants to hire a Quality Control/Production Manager to oversee quality control and production of Aleutia salmon this summer. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person to grow with one of the region's most dynamic startup organizations.

Aleutia strives to provide an upbeat, positive work environment in the fiercely competitive business of salmon. We will pay a good wage with bonuses to the Quality Control/Production Manager who helps the organization grow and succeed.

For more information on this position, click on the link below.

[Quality Control/Production Manager Posting](#)

Aleutia Offers Incredible Membership Rates For Area M Fishermen



Aleutia is offering 2-year memberships at an unbelievably low cost of \$50.

For those who have already paid \$100 for their membership, that rate will now carry over for four years. Each new member gets a free Aleutia hat.

For more information, contact Tiffany Jackson at (907) 383-5909 or send an email to Aleutia.Tiffany@arctic.net.

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