



Resolution 09-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ON THE PROPOSED GULF OF ALASKA PACIFIC COD SECTOR SPLITS.

Whereas, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council will be considering allocating the Pacific cod total allowable catch (TAC) in the Gulf of Alaska among the various sectors; and

Whereas, the Aleutians East Borough communities of Sand Point and King Cove are home to fishermen who depend upon each of the commercial fisheries available to provide revenues to the communities and most importantly to the families within those communities; and

Whereas, the fishermen in these communities participate in the pot and trawl catcher boat sectors of the Pacific cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska; and

Whereas, the catcher/processor (CP) and catcher vessel longline fleets have taken an increasing share of the Western Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod allocation; and,

Whereas, the catcher/processors and catcher vessel longline fleets do not contribute to the sustainability of local fishery dependent communities as do the local trawl and pot boats which hire crew, support the local processing plant, pay taxes, moorage etc. ; and,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH supports establishing sector allocations for the longline sectors. The allocation should take into consideration: by catch reduction, lessening prohibited species catch mortality, other conservation measures and positive social impacts to the fisheries dependent communities.

Approved this 4th day of December, 2008.

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk


Stanley Mack, Mayor