

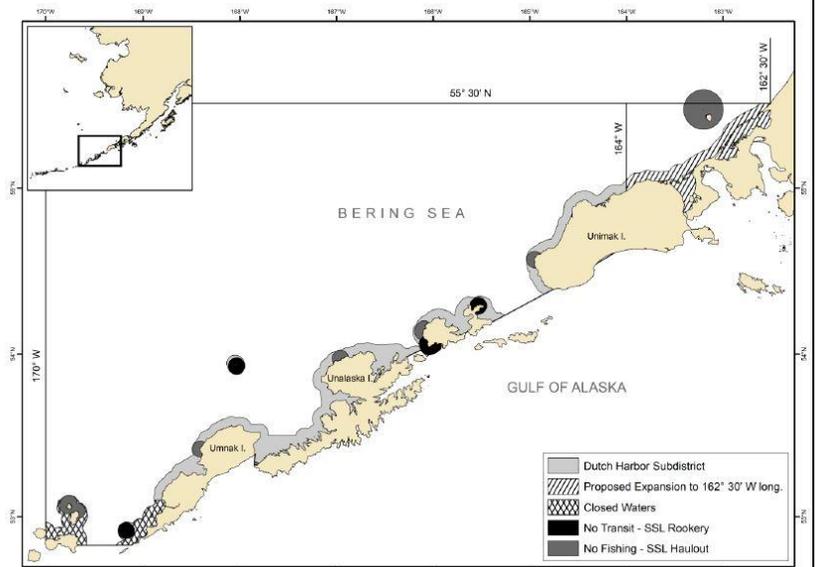


Recap of the Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings October 15 – 19, 2018

Last week the Board of Fish met for two days in their annual Work Session, 1 day in a Joint Protocol Committee meeting with members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), and for 2 days discussing Pacific cod proposals.

The Board considered [Pacific cod proposals](#) Thursday and Friday October 18 & 19, including one proposal for the South Peninsula area. The Board adopted six of the 17 Pacific cod proposals, as follows:

- Proposal 2, substitute language found in RC 35, to increase the guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific cod management plan.
- King Cove Advisory Committee Proposal 10 to extend the eastern boundary of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict to 162° 30' W long. past Moffet Point.
- Proposal 11 to establish a state-waters Pacific cod harvest allocation for jig gear vessels in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict.
- Proposal 12, substitute language found in RC 12, amended to increase the GHL for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict to 8%, allowing 1% stepwise increases up to 15% when the GHL is fully harvested.



King Cove Advisory Committee Proposal 10, to extend the eastern boundary of the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific cod fishery to 162° 30' W long., was adopted by the Board of Fisheries.

- Proposal 16 substitute language found in RC 39, to resolve the conflict in season opening dates between Chignik Area state-waters and parallel Pacific cod fisheries.
- Proposal 17 to repeal the weather delay provision for jig gear vessels during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

Earlier in the week, at the [Work Session](#) the Board elected a new chair & vice-chair: Member Reed Morisky will lead the Board as chair for the 2018/2019 cycle of meetings while Member Robert Ruffner stepped into the vice-chair position. The Board also decided that the upcoming Bristol Bay Finfish and the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik meetings should be shortened by one day each, due to the lower than usual number of proposals to be considered.

The Work Session is the meeting when the Board considers agenda change requests (ACRs) on issues that are out of cycle. The Board moved the following four ACRs forward to be considered during this cycle:

- ACR 3 to adopt a new harvest strategy for Aleutian Islands golden king crab (ADFG)
- ACR 7 to open and close the commercial set gillnet fishery within 600 feet of the North Kalifornsky Beach area independent of fishing time restrictions (Gary Hollier)
- ACR 9 to align regulations within the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan with provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty annex (ADFG)
- ACR 11 to align regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services (ADFG)

One proposed ACR by Chignik (PC 8) to further restrict salmon fishing in the Shumagins was not considered by the board but deemed a late proposal. However, member Fritz Johnson brought the rejected Chignik ACR forward for consideration as a Board Generated Proposal (BGP), but the board did not act on the request. Two other BGPs were accepted: to clarify Bristol Bay special harvest areas (RC 36), and to consider a new gear type for chum salmon subsistence fishing on the Yukon (RC 50).

On Wednesday, the [Joint Protocol Committee](#) of three Board members and three NPFMC members met, and staff presented reports on salmon (SE Chinook salmon management & the NMFS salmon FMP) and Pacific cod.

Wednesday evening after the Joint Protocol meeting, the Board's Executive Director Glenn Haight gave a special presentation to representatives of each of the Fish & Game Advisory Committees (ACs) within the Aleutians East Borough. The AEB Natural Resources Department has been working since January to schedule a training for the ACs of Nelson Lagoon, False Pass, King Cove and Sand Point. Attending the training were Tom Hoblet, Emil Mobeck, Grant Newton, Shane Hoblet, Butch Gundersen, Carleen Hoblet, Ernie Weiss and Ruth Hoblet. Thanks to Director Haight for his time and willingness to work with our members and provide this valuable training.

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