

PROPOSAL 10 – 5 AAC 28.577. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch, as follows:

5 AAC 28.577(h)(1) is amended to read:

(1) The guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area M is **35** [30] percent of the federal Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) total allowable catch (TAC).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Increase South Alaska Peninsula Pacific cod Guideline Harvest Level to 35% of WGOA ABC, 2012 sector splits in the Western Gulf of Alaska cod season have reduced the opportunity for pot only vessels to harvest cod. Pot only boats have previously participated in the federal parallel season until the entire TAC was caught. In the two years prior to sector splits, pots harvested over 50% of the WGOA TAC.

PROPOSED BY: King Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F15-094)
