

**PROPOSAL 215 – 5 AAC 28.XXX. South Alaska Peninsula Area Pollock Management Plan and 5 AAC.XXX.** Establish a 58’ overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl as follows:

Modify the current State Waters Pacific Cod Management Plan to extend the current vessel size limit for pollock as well as Pacific cod to apply year round.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Peninsula Fishermen’s Coalition is composed of trawl vessels under 58’ in overall length. These vessels participate in the federal Pollock and Pacific cod trawl fisheries both inside and outside state waters. Recent changes in federal regulations have capped salmon bycatch and reduced halibut bycatch caps. It is imperative that the vessels work together to insure that bycatch of both species is minimized.

Our vessels based in King Cove and Sand Point believe that restricting access to state waters by larger vessels will assist in keeping bycatch to a minimum. Our vessels have shown that we can work closely with each other to prevent the majority of bycatch.

**PROPOSED BY:** Peninsula Fishermen’s Coalition (EF-C15-063)

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