

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Chairman
Johnstone

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Regulatory language for Board-generated Proposal A

5 AAC 28.089 is repealed:

5 AAC 28.089. Guiding principles for groundfish fishery regulations. Repealed.

[(a) WITH STATE GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT EXPANDING TO COVER THE GROUND FISH RESOURCES IN THE WATERS OF ALASKA, THE BOARD OF FISHERIES (BOARD) WILL BE RECEIVING REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR THESE FISHERIES. THE BOARD WILL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDING PRINCIPLES WHEN TAKING ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF REGULATIONS REGARDING GROUND FISH FISHERIES:

(1) CONSERVATION OF THE GROUND FISH RESOURCE TO ENSURE SUSTAINED YIELD, WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE ALLOWABLE CATCH IN ANY FISHERY BE BASED UPON THE BIOLOGICAL ABUNDANCE OF THE STOCK;

(2) MINIMIZATION OF BYCATCH OF OTHER ASSOCIATED FISH AND SHELLFISH AND PREVENTION OF THE LOCALIZED DEPLETION OF STOCKS;

(3) PROTECTION OF THE HABITAT AND OTHER ASSOCIATED FISH AND SHELLFISH SPECIES FROM NONSUSTAINABLE FISHING PRACTICES;

(4) MAINTENANCE OF SLOWER HARVEST RATES BY METHODS AND MEANS AND TIME AND AREA RESTRICTIONS TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS NECESSARY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERY;

(5) EXTENSION OF THE LENGTH OF FISHING SEASONS BY METHODS AND MEANS AND TIME AND AREA RESTRICTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO THE STATE AND TO REGIONS AND LOCAL AREAS OF THE STATE;

(6) HARVEST OF THE RESOURCE IN A MANNER THAT EMPHASIZES THE QUALITY AND VALUE OF THE FISHERY PRODUCT;

(7) USE OF THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD; AND

(8) COOPERATION WITH THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NPFMC) AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES ASSOCIATED WITH GROUND FISH FISHERIES.

(b) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE GROUND FISH FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN GULF OF ALASKA AREA, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA, KODIAK AREA, AND CHIGNIK AREA.]