

PROPOSAL 50 - 5 AAC 28.467. Kodiak Area Pacific Cod Management Plan. Change date when the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear fishery may be designated as a non-exclusive registration area from October 30 to June 10, as follows:

Change 5 AAC 28.467.(j).(2) from after October 30, if needed, designation of the Kodiak Area as a nonexclusive registration area for Pacific cod.

For pot gear, after October 30, if needed, designation of the Kodiak Area as a nonexclusive registration area for Pacific cod. For jig gear, after June 10, if needed, designation of the Kodiak Area as a nonexclusive registration area for Pacific cod.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Fish and Game has a tool to designate the Kodiak area as a nonexclusive registration area for cod jigging after October 30. Very few jig boats if any are actually fishing after that date, rendering the tool useless. If this date is moved up to June 10, then Fish and Game would have a good idea whether or not the existing fleet would catch the quota. Fish and Game could then allow jig boats to move to an area that would help the fleet catch the remaining quota. This proposal would allow the jig fleet a little more flexibility to catch an otherwise stranded quota after June 10.

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