

Proposal 274 was tabled at the 2015 Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Island-Bering Sea Pacific Cod meeting as Proposal 9.

PROPOSAL 274 – 5 AAC 28.087. Management measures in parallel groundfish fisheries for protection of Steller sea lions. Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area, as follows:

5 AAC 28.087(b) is amended to read:

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(4) In the Chignik Area, all state-waters, with the exception of state-waters within 20 nautical miles of sea lion rookeries, shall be opened to pot and mechanical jigging gear

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lack of fishing opportunity for local Chignik residents during the parallel season. I would like to see the sea lion restrictions reduced during the State parallel season in the Chignik area. There is very little area to fish inside state-waters during the parallel season due to the sea lion restrictions. Most residents of Chignik do not have an LLP to fish outside of State-waters.

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