

RC re: 283 - Submitted by Adak Community Development Corporation Jan. 13th

Proposal 283 Addresses a Real Emergency

Status Quo is Not the Status Quo

The domino effects of the loss of A113 in the federal cod fishery will dramatically change the timing of the opening of the AI GHL fishery to >60' vessels unless the Board takes action. Doing nothing will result in severe negative impacts to Adak.

Proposal 283 does Not disenfranchise larger vessels

The fixed date of March 15th maintains the timing of lifting the 60' size limit.

Mean, Median, Mode

The date for allowing >60' vessels into the AI GHL fishery has ranged from 2/27 to 3/30. The mean (average) is 3/11, the mode is 3/15, the median date is 3/14. Without action by the Board the trigger for lifting the 60' limit is likely to occur in early February.

Local benefit

Allocation Criteria #(6) "*the importance of each fishery to the economy of the region and local area in which the fishery is located.*"

The GHL fishery is crucial to the Adak economy, compressing the fishery results in more fish being processed off shore draining benefits to AI communities.

"If you build it, they will come..."

- Potential A80 processing capacity (8 A80 CPs acted as Motherships in the BS in 2018, 7 were prohibited from continuing to do so in federal waters but can do so in state waters.)
- Other potential processing capacity (2 non-A80 floaters processed in the 2019 AI GHL fishery)
- 72 - Pot boats between 60' and 125'
- 65 - Trawl CV's between 60' and 99'
- 39 - >60' pot boats fishing federal BSAI cod today (season closing Wednesday)

Incremental fish

Everyone likes to get one or two extra trips, especially when they have 'down' times between their other fisheries.

The AI GHL fishery started out as a way to incrementally extend the AI cod season to compensate for the impact of excess floating processing capacity from rationalization of crab and A80.

With the loss of A113, there will be no federal A season CV trawl base. The GHL fishery is not incremental cod for Adak. The GHL cod is now the base.

Stand down

The NP Council recognized that the loss of A113 created an emergency for Adak, but could not find a timely path within the constraints of the federal system to address the issue in time for this A season. The Council encouraged the CV trawl fleet to organize a voluntary stand down to save some federal CV trawl quota for an Aleutian fishery.

The lack of a federal solution will have a domino effect on the GHL fishery, further compounding the emergency. Fortunately, the state has the latitude to address the impact on the GHL fishery through a finding of an emergency. We ask that you do so.