

March 25, 2014

Alaska Board of Fisheries CGOA Walleye Pollock Workgroup

Goal:

To provide the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) with discussion on a state guideline harvest level (GHL) walleye pollock fishery and an explanation of whether and how a state-GHL walleye pollock fishery would protect and maintain Alaska's marine resources and maximize benefits of the state's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) walleye pollock resource.

Objectives:

To assist the BOF in evaluating the merits of a state-GHL walleye pollock fishery, the workgroup will:

Provide a public forum for the BOF to learn from individual stakeholders about objectives they are trying to achieve through a state-GHL walleye pollock fishery.

Provide a forum for fishery managers and stakeholders to discuss the necessary provisions for a state-GHL walleye pollock fishery management plan.

Focus on evaluating development of jig, seine, and trawl gear walleye pollock fisheries per Proposal 44.

Evaluate results of the jig and seine test fisheries, and bring results of test fisheries and workgroup discussions on potential state-GHL walleye pollock fisheries to the BOF for review in March 2015.

To assist the BOF and the Joint Protocol Committee in communicating with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), the workgroup will:

Discuss fishery management coordination issues between BOF and NPFMC specific to development of a GOA state GHL walleye pollock fishery.

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Workgroup Members:

Each stakeholder seat will have one designated member and one named alternate who will attend in the designee's absence. Seats will represent the following:

LLP trawl vessel owner:	Patrick O'Donnell
LLP trawl vessel operator:	
Proposal author:	Matt Hegge
Kodiak purse seine vessel:	Raymond May
Cook Inlet purse seine vessel:	Beaver Nelson
Kodiak jig vessel:	Darius Kasprzak
Cook Inlet jig vessel:	Omar John Gucer
Large processor:	Mitch Kilborn
Small processor:	
CGOA trawl voluntary cooperative manager:	Julie Bonney

Board of Fisheries: Sue Jeffrey and John Jensen (co-chairs)

NPFMC: Ed Dersham and Duncan Fields

Workgroup Assets/Support Staff:

Forrest Bowers, ADF&G, Deputy Director, Commercial Fisheries

Nicole Kimball, ADF&G, Federal Fisheries Coordinator

Karla Bush, ADF&G, FMP Coordinator/Fishery Biologist

Wayne Donaldson, Mark Stichert, Trent Hartill, ADF&G Westward Region

Tim Baker, Jan Rumble, ADF&G Central Region

Glenn Merrill, NMFS Sustainable Fisheries

Glenn Haight, Executive Director, BOF

Workgroup Meetings:

Teleconference - April 4, 10 a.m. - noon

Task: Review Workgroup Goals/Objectives

Pre-Joint Protocol Committee Meeting, Anchorage April 16

Task: Receive background information on Proposal 44 and review the Council's pending trawl action

Joint Protocol Committee Meeting, Anchorage (potentially mid-May)

Mid October - Prior to BOF Work Session, Juneau

Tasks: Review information from the jig and seine walleye pollock test fisheries
prepare walleye pollock workgroup report/update for the BOF October work session.