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**FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN or REGULATORY AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council – Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee**  
**Provide the following information – attach additional pages as necessary:**

**Name of Proposer:** Aleutians East Borough

**Date:**

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**Fishery Management Plan:** Gulf of Alaska

**Brief Statement of Proposal:** Change the allocation of Pollock in area 610 from the current division of approx. 1/6 for the A season, 1/6 B season, 1/3 C season, 1/3 D season to a division of 1/3 A, 1/3 B, 1/6 C, 1/6 D.

**Objectives of Proposal (What is the problem?):** The objective of the proposal would be to allow a large % of fish to be harvested during the roe season when the Pollock have a higher value.

**Need and Justification for Council Action (Why can't the problem be resolved through other channels?):** the problem could be addressed by the State of Alaska, should the board of fish choose to actively manage a portion of the Pollock, the majority of which is harvested inside state waters. The council could adopt rules that allowed more Pollock to be harvested early in the year in federal waters.

**Foreseeable Impacts of Proposal (Who wins, who loses?):** fishermen who would receive more value for the earlier fish.

**Are there Alternative Solutions? If so, what are they and why do you consider your proposal the best way of solving the problem?**

An alternate would be a combination of state and fed measures that would result in a similar outcome

**Supporting Data & Other Information.** What data are available and where can they be found? Be specific and cite references.

Harvest data for the western Gulf showing vessel counts, percentages of fish caught by the different vessel sizes and where the fish were harvested (inside 3 miles/ outside 3 miles) (NOAA) ATAKAPO

**Offsetting Measures. OPTIONAL -** What protection measures might be increased in the region to offset the proposed action?

Protection measures could include daily limits on harvest and vessel size limits which would slow the pace of the fishery.

Signature: Sam Cotten for the Aleutians East Borough

2006 A Season Western Gulf of Alaska Pollock Fishery									
Season	Date	Harvest (mt)	Area of Harvest		Vessel Size				
			% State	% Federal	>60'	% of Fleet	<60	% of Fleet	
A	1/20-22/06	2,313	100	0	6	27.3	16	72.7	
A2*	1/26-27/06	1,893	100	0	3	15.0	17	85.0	
	Total Harvest	4,206							
	A Season TAC	4,210							
	% TAC Harvested	99.9							

\* 24 hour reopening

Harvest by >60 = 1670.7 mt 39.7 %  
 Harvest by <60 = 2535.8 mt 60.3 %  
 total = 4206.5 mt 100.0 %

YEAR		2005					
Total		28					
<= 58		17					
> 58		11					
<b>A/B Season</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Count of vessels</b>				
			22				
		<= 58	17				
		> 58	5				
		<b>Count of vessels</b>					
Inside	<=58		17				
Outside	<=58		3				
Inside	> 58		5				
Outside	> 58		C				
		<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>Percentage</b>			
Inside	<=58	13,465,448	6,108	97%			
Outside	<=58	388,297	178	3%			
Inside	> 58	6,172,529	2,800	90%			
Outside	> 58	C	C	C			
<b>C/D Season</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Count of vessels</b>				
			26				
		<= 58	17				
		> 58	9				
		<b>Count of vessels</b>					
Inside	<=58		15				
Outside	<=58		14				
Inside	> 58		3				
Outside	> 58		8				
		<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>Percentage</b>			
Inside	<=58	10,140,271	4,600	38%			
Outside	<=58	16,613,113	7,536	62%			
Inside	> 58	2,332,248	1,058	13%			
Outside	> 58	15,696,843	7,120	87%			

*Data is screened for confidentiality  
 Data is based on 2004 and 2005 ELOG data. 2005 Elog data is complete up to about Oct 1  
 Inside/Outside state waters is vessel reported and is known to contain inaccurate data*

**YEAR 2004**

Total 25  
 <= 58 18  
 > 58 9

**A/B Season**

Total		Count of vessels	21
	<= 58		15
	> 58		6

**Count of vessels**

Inside	<=58	15
Outside	<=58	0
Inside	> 58	6
Outside	> 58	0

		Pounds	Tons	Percentage
Inside	<=58	11,832,578	5,367	98%
Outside	<=58	0	0	0
Inside	> 58	5,106,898	2,316	100%
Outside	> 58	0	0	0

**C/D Season**

Total		Count of vessels	20
	<= 58		13
	> 58		7

**Count of vessels**

Inside	<=58	13
Outside	<=58	9
Inside	> 58	4
Outside	> 58	7

		Pounds	Tons	Percentage
Inside	<=58	11,895,219	5,396	63%
Outside	<=58	6,871,883	3,117	37%
Inside	> 58	1,971,278	894	13%
Outside	> 58	12,641,985	5,734	87%

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