

**FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

**Name of Proposer:** Alaska Groundfish Data Bank      **Date:** 8/18/06  
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**Fishery Management Plan:** Gulf of Alaska

**Brief Statement of Proposal:** Change the C season pollock fishery date from August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Objectives of Proposal: (What is the problem?)** The goal of the proposal is to realign the C season pollock fishery start time to avoid conflicts with the pink salmon processing time frame.

**Need and Justification for Council Action: (Why can't the problem be resolved through other channels?)**  
The Council and NMFS are the only bodies that have control over the fishery management structure making adjustments to the Pollock seasonal start dates.

**Foreseeable Impacts of Proposal: (Who wins, who loses?)**  
GOA coastal communities would win under this proposal.

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

The ultimate solution is to allocate fish to individual harvesters through GOA rationalization and end the race for fish. The Council appears to be committed to GOA rationalization but immediate relief is not available.

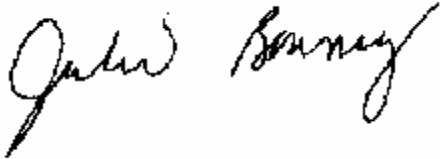
**Supportive Data & Other Information: What data are available and where can they be found? Be specific and cite references.**

Pink salmon harvest history by time for the different state of Alaska salmon districts. Contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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

It is anticipated that moving the season start time farther into the fall would be beneficial to SSL since juvenile SSLs are weaned during the month of June.

**Signature**

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