

Fish News

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News from NOAA:

New Regs for GOA Pacific Cod Sector Split Kick in Jan. 1, 2012

New regulations to implement Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Pacific cod (Pcod) sector splits will take effect January 1, 2012. Federal fisheries permits (FFP), if surrendered, will not be re-issued until the next three-year cycle.



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Additionally, if a vessel holds an FFP, it must also be named on a License Limitation Permit (LLP) valid for the adjacent



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federal waters in order to fish in the state parallel fisheries. For example, if a pot boat from Sand Point has a federal fisheries permit and wants to fish the parallel fisheries, it must also be named on an LLP with a WG pot Pcod endorsement. In considering whether to surrender an FFP, please

remember that an FFP is required to fish for IFQ halibut and sablefish in federal waters (because of the requirement to keep bycatch of Pacific cod and rockfish). Please call the NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement in Kodiak at 486-3298 if you have questions about federal fisheries regulations.

Upcoming Fish Meetings & Items of Interest:

- Crab Modeling Workshop, January 9-13, 2012, AFSC: <u>Information</u> and Agenda
- ADF&G: South Peninsula District Tanner Crab Preseason Stakeholders' Meeting - Jan. 13, 2011 - 10 a.m. - Sand Point - AEB office - teleconferenced in King Cove & False Pass. More info
- The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) is seeking nominations to fill one vacancy on its Science Panel. The Board is seeking an individual expertise in social science. Deadline for nominations is January 13, 2012. More information.
- North Pacific Fishery Management Council: January 30 Feb. 7, 2012 Rennaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA. Click on link below for more info: NPFMC Three Meeting Outlook
- **International Pacific Halibut Commission** annual meeting Jan. 24 27, 2012 Hilton Hotel Anchorage. **IPHC Annual Meeting 2012**
- Missed the last Council meeting earlier this month? Click on the following link for the Council's December newsletter: <u>NPFMC December</u> <u>Newsletter - News & Notes</u>



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