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TO: Shellene Hutter, Program Coordinator
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FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: January 2, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Fisheries

Board of Fisheries regulations re: Pacific Cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area (5 AAC 28.577(h)(1))

Attorney General File:	2025200568
Regulation Filed:	1/2/2026
Effective Date:	2/1/2026
Print:	257, April 2026

cc with enclosures: ToniMarie Gonzales, Paralegal
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December 29, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: *5 AAC 28.577(h)(1): Board of Fisheries - Pacific Cod in the South Alaska
Peninsula Area*
Our file: 2025200568

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Fisheries against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Fisheries after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern guideline harvest levels for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area.

The September 24, 2025 public notice and the November 24, 2025 certification order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

To: Hon. Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor
Our file: 2024200487; 12 AAC 70.130 – .990

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Sincerely,

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CC w/enclosure: Shellene Hutter
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The attached regulations, dealing with Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula area, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted at its October 30th – 31st, 2025 meeting, under the authority of AS 16.05.251 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Board of Fisheries paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 11/4/2025

DocuSigned by:

Doug Vincent-Lang

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Douglas S. Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

January 2, ²⁰²⁶~~2025~~ at 2:15 ~~P~~^P.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 

Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor

Effective: February 1, 2026.

Register: 257, April 2026.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Title 5. Fish and Game.

5 AAC 28.577(h)(1) is amended to read:

(1) **beginning in 2026**, the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area is **35** [30] percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area **until January 1, 2029, when the guideline harvest level for Pacific cod in the South Alaska Peninsula Area is 32.5 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area;**

(Eff. 4/4/97, Register 142; am 11/27/97, Register 144; am 5/31/98, Register 146; am 7/21/99, Register 151; am 5/31/2001, Register 158; am 5/15/2004, Register 170; am 5/30/2007, Register 182; am 5/16/2010, Register 194; am 4/20/2012, Register 202; am 2/23/2014, Register 209; am 2/28/2016, Register 217; am 2/21/2019, Register 229; am 3/26/2023, Register 245; am 11/10/2024, Register 252; am 2 / 1 / 2026, Register 257)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.251