

Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Charge to the Lingcod Fishery Taskforce  
#2000-196-FB

The goal of the task force is develop a region-wide sustainable and implementable management plan that addresses the conservation concerns and the allocation issues for each of the seven groundfish management areas in the Southeast Districts of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska.

The taskforce members will include representatives from the Fish and Game Advisory Committees who will be able to attend the Sitka Board of Fisheries meeting February 13-24, 2000.

1. Each member shall solicit comments to the lingcod conservation and allocation issues from their advisory committee as soon as possible and prepare written comments to be submitted to the rest of the taskforce in a meeting February 12.
2. Each advisory committee shall ensure that a representative from each user group that exists will be included in the task force discussion prior to the February 12 meeting. Each advisory committee shall provide a list of representatives and the group they represent in the written comments submitted to the rest of the taskforce in a meeting on February 12.

Specific objectives of the management plan to be addressed:

1. Appropriate reduction of the GHL for each area given the conservation concerns and recommendations outlined by the department in the briefing document for proposal 187.
2. Allocate the GHL between user groups including dinglebar, troll, longline commercial gears, guided sport fishery, and unguided sport fishery for any or all management areas.
3. Discuss and comment on the additional management tools outlined by the Sitka Lingcod Task Force and any additional tools necessary to meet these management and allocation recommendations.
4. Ask each advisory group to review, analyze and respond to the department's proposal 187, as well as additional lingcod proposals 201, 203, 207, 208, and 185 if appropriate.

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Juneau, Alaska

  
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Dan K. Coffey, Chairman