

AMENDMENT 57

**to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the
Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area**

1. In Chapter 2.0, section entitled, "History and Summary of Amendments," add the following:

Amendment 57 implemented on _____, 1998

- (2) Prohibits the use of nonpelagic trawl gear in the directed pollock fishery.
- (3) Reduces the PSC limit for red king crab by 3,000 animals.

2. Amend Section 14.4.4, entitled "Gear Restrictions," as follows:

Gear types authorized by the FMP are trawls, hook-and-line, pots, jigs, and other gear as defined in regulations. The use of nonpelagic trawl gear in the directed fishery for pollock is prohibited. Further restrictions on gear that are necessary for conservation and management of fishery resources and which are consistent with the goals and objectives of the FMP are found at 50 CFR Part 679.

3. In Section 14.4.2.2 entitled "Prohibited Species Catch Limits," amend paragraph B as follows:

2. Red king crab. A Zone 1 PSC limit for red king crab is established in the following manner:

When the number of mature female red king crab is below or equal to the threshold of 8.4 million mature crab or the spawning biomass is less than 14.5 million lb., the Zone 1 PSC limit will be 32,000 red king crab.

When the number of mature female red king crab is above the threshold of 8.4 million mature crab and the effective spawning biomass is equal to or greater than 14.5 but less than 55 million lb, the Zone 1 PSC limit will be 97,000 red king crab.

When the number of mature female red king crab is above the threshold of 8.4 million mature crab, and the effective spawning biomass is equal to or greater than 55 million lb, the Zone 1 PSC limit will be 197,000 red king crab.