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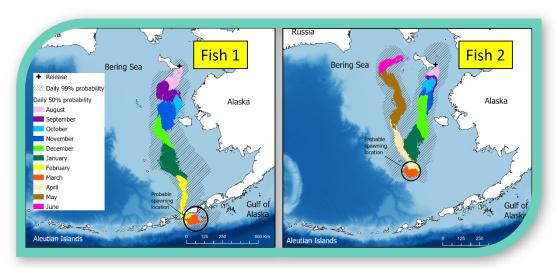
Alaska Fisheries Science Center

AFSC Special Seminar

Susanne McDermott, RACE, GAP

Tuesday, January 11th @ 10 am Pacific

PAcific Cod Tagging (PACT) in Alaskan waters with Pop-up Satellite Archival Tags:
Developing the PACT Team



Warming ocean conditions in recent years have resulted in dramatic shifts in abundance and a northward shift in summer distribution of Pacific cod into the Northern Bering Sea. The Pacific Cod Tagging Team (PACT) has examined the seasonal distribution of Pacific cod with Popup Satellite tags. These tags make it possible to determine movement path and movement behavior of individual fish. We will share results from recent tag releases in the Bering Sea and the Western Gulf of Alaska. Pacific cod have been observed to cross management boundaries and travel distances of up to 1,200 miles from spawning to foraging areas.