

FY13 Coop Res – Octopus Progress Report

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My 2013 CR octopus project (gear development) is underway but will not be completed until Dec 2014. The spending is just about finished; all contracts have been funded and equipment purchased. We are in the process now of building 400 new octopus pots and longlines. Two boats, *Katherine* out of Kodiak and *Pacific Venture* out of Dutch Harbor, will be participating, trying out the gear from Sept 2013 to Dec 2014. I am working with ADF&G to get their state commissioner's permits in order and will send you a draft for a LOA soon. Gear is scheduled to ship up to Kodiak in Aug so we are on schedule, despite the late funding.