

Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Fisheries



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Pacific Cod Fisheries in Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound

Area Description

Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet

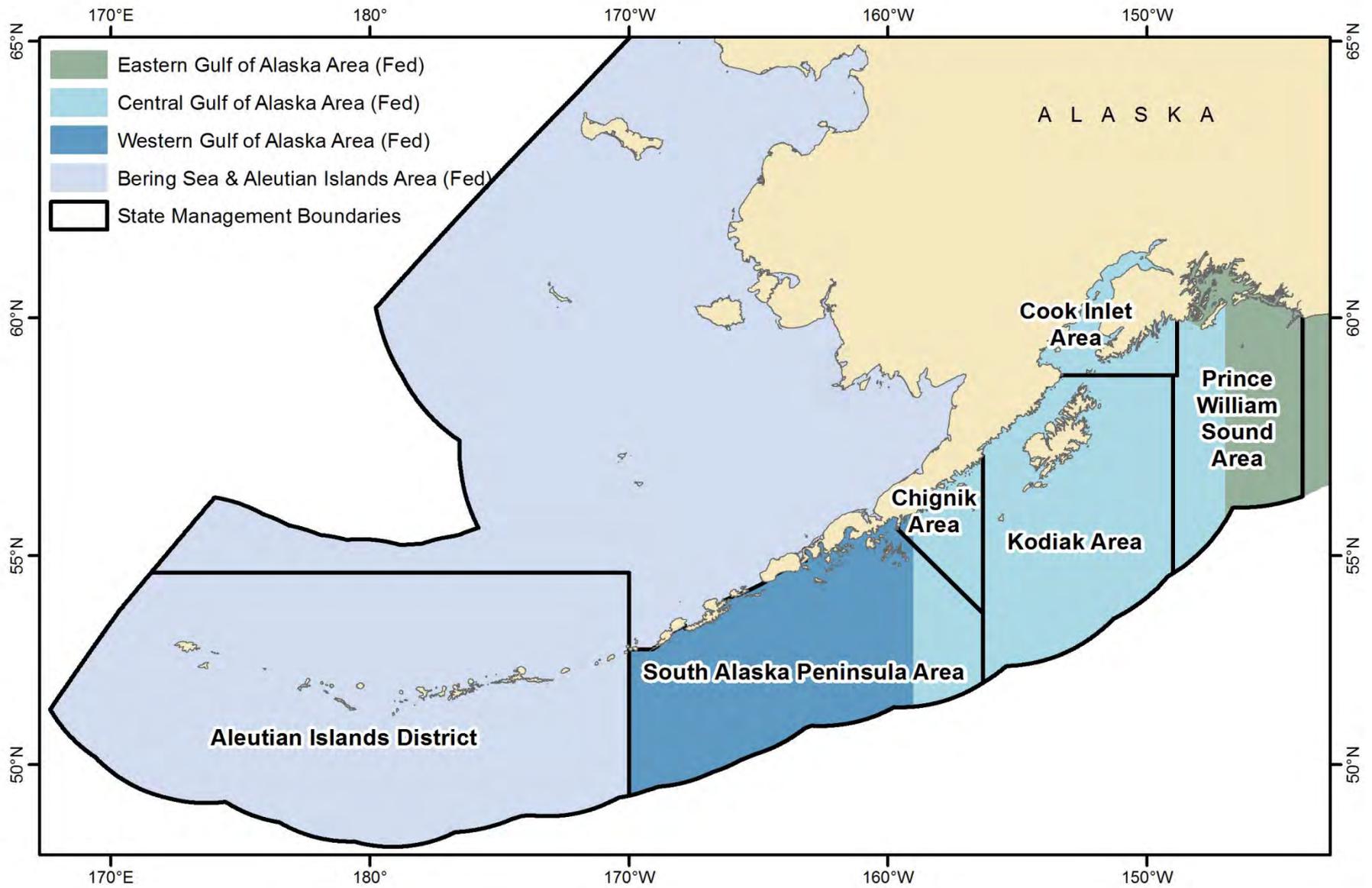
Boundaries

Management plan

Harvest from parallel and state-waters fisheries

Season harvest by gear type and guideline harvest levels

State-waters fishery harvest trends



Prince William Sound



Prince William Sound (PWS) Management Area



PWS Pacific Cod Fishery Management

Seasons

Parallel season: Opens Jan. 1 and Sept. 1; closes with federal CGOA season

State-waters season: Different for gear type

Longline: opens 7 days after initial federal season or concurrently with the IFQ halibut season opening date, whichever occurs later

Pot and jig: opens 24 hours after federal season closes

Gear

Parallel season: pot, jig, longline

State-waters season: pot, jig, longline

Harvest level

Parallel season: All harvest accounted against federal TAC

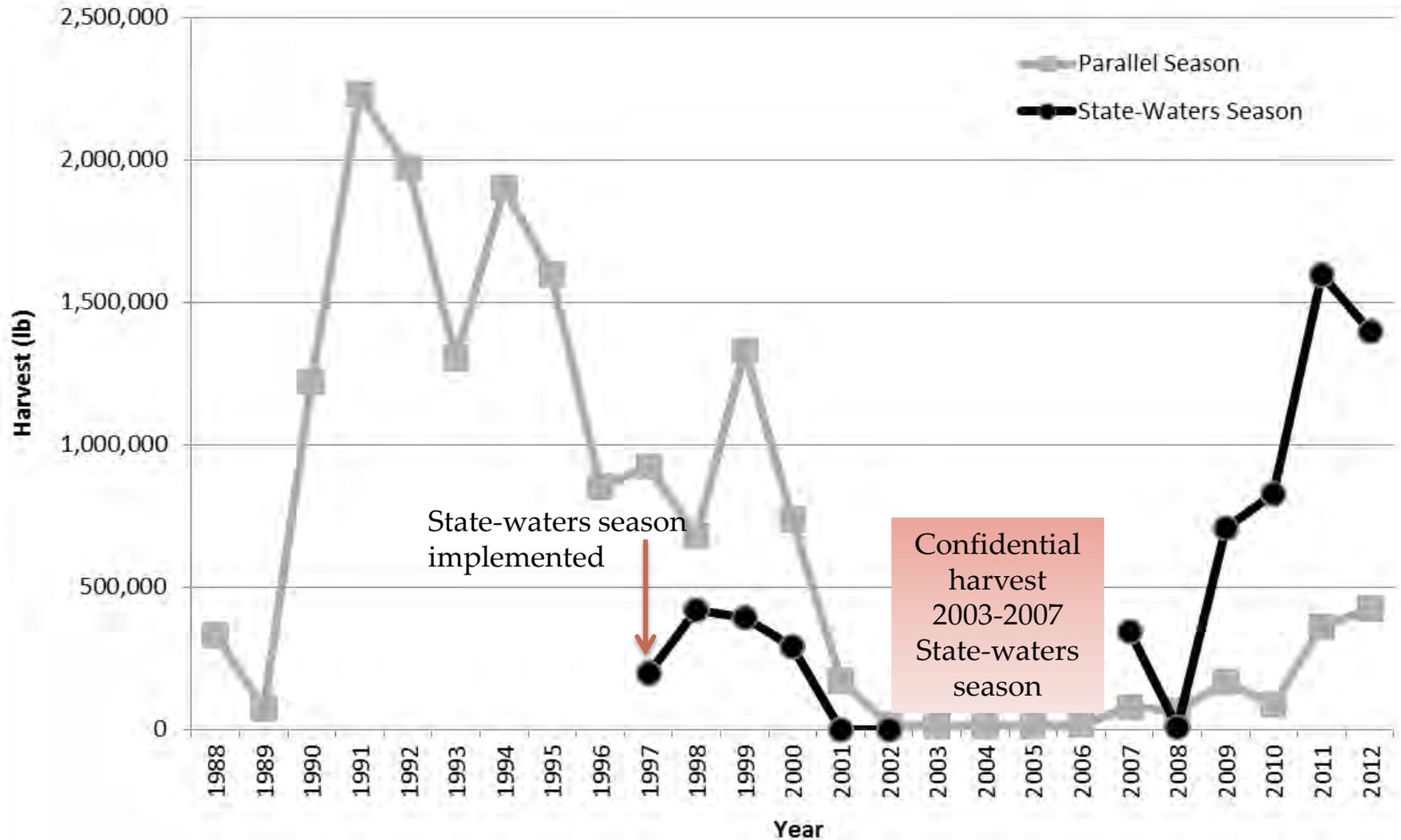
State-waters season: GHIL calculated as 25% of federal EGOA total allowable harvest

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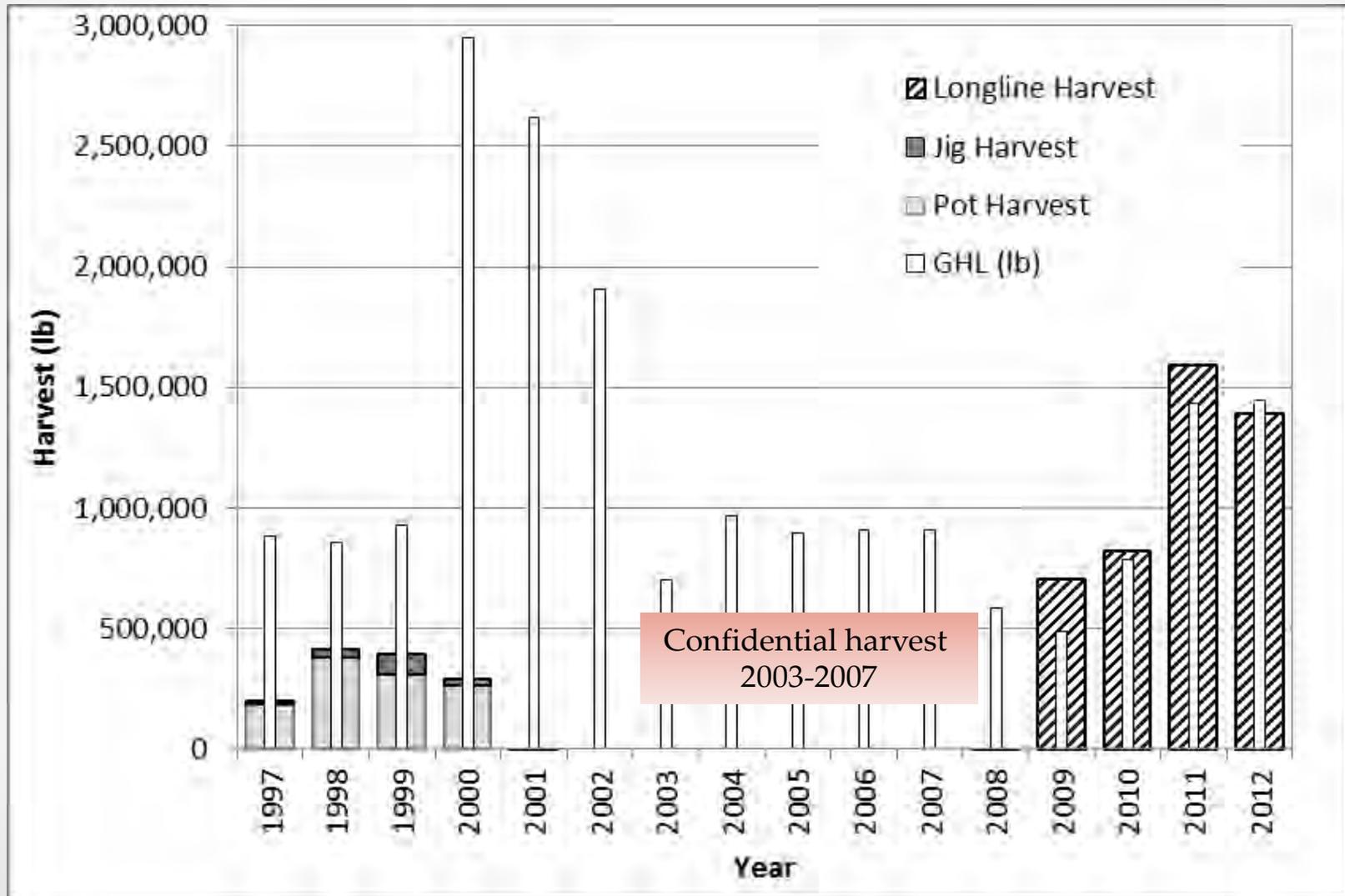
Parallel season: None

State-waters season: Longline 85% of GHIL, 15% other; GHIL left available to all legal gear types after Oct. 1

Prince William Sound Pacific Cod Harvest



PWS Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Harvest by Gear Type and Guideline Harvest Levels



PWS State-Waters Fishery Harvest Trends

Highest GHGs 2011-2013 since 2002

Highest total harvest occurred 2011-2013

Highest – 1.6 mil lbs in 2011

Previous high was 800,000 lbs in 2010

Longline – dominant gear type from 2009-present

Pots and jig – only legal gear types before 2009

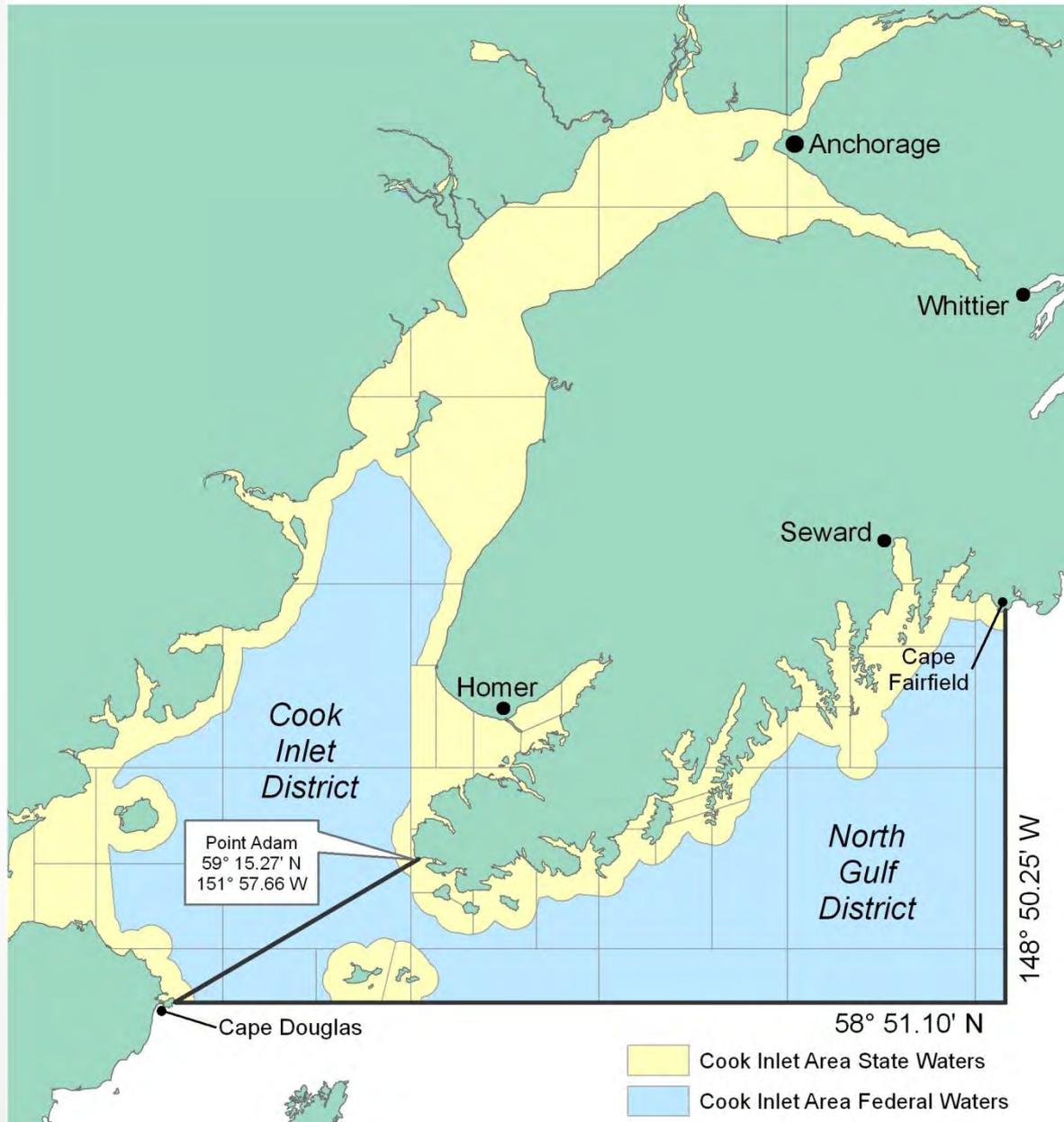
Vessel participation highest in the last 4 years

24-38 vessels registered for the fishery

Cook Inlet Management Area



Cook Inlet (CI) Management Area



Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Fishery Management

Seasons

Parallel season: Opens Jan. 1 and Sept. 1; closes with federal CGOA season

State-waters season: Opens 24 hours after 1st federal season, reopens following 2nd parallel season

Gear

Parallel season: pot, jig, longline

State-waters season: 60 pots or 5 jigging machines (or rods)

Harvest level

Parallel season: All harvest accounted against federal TAC

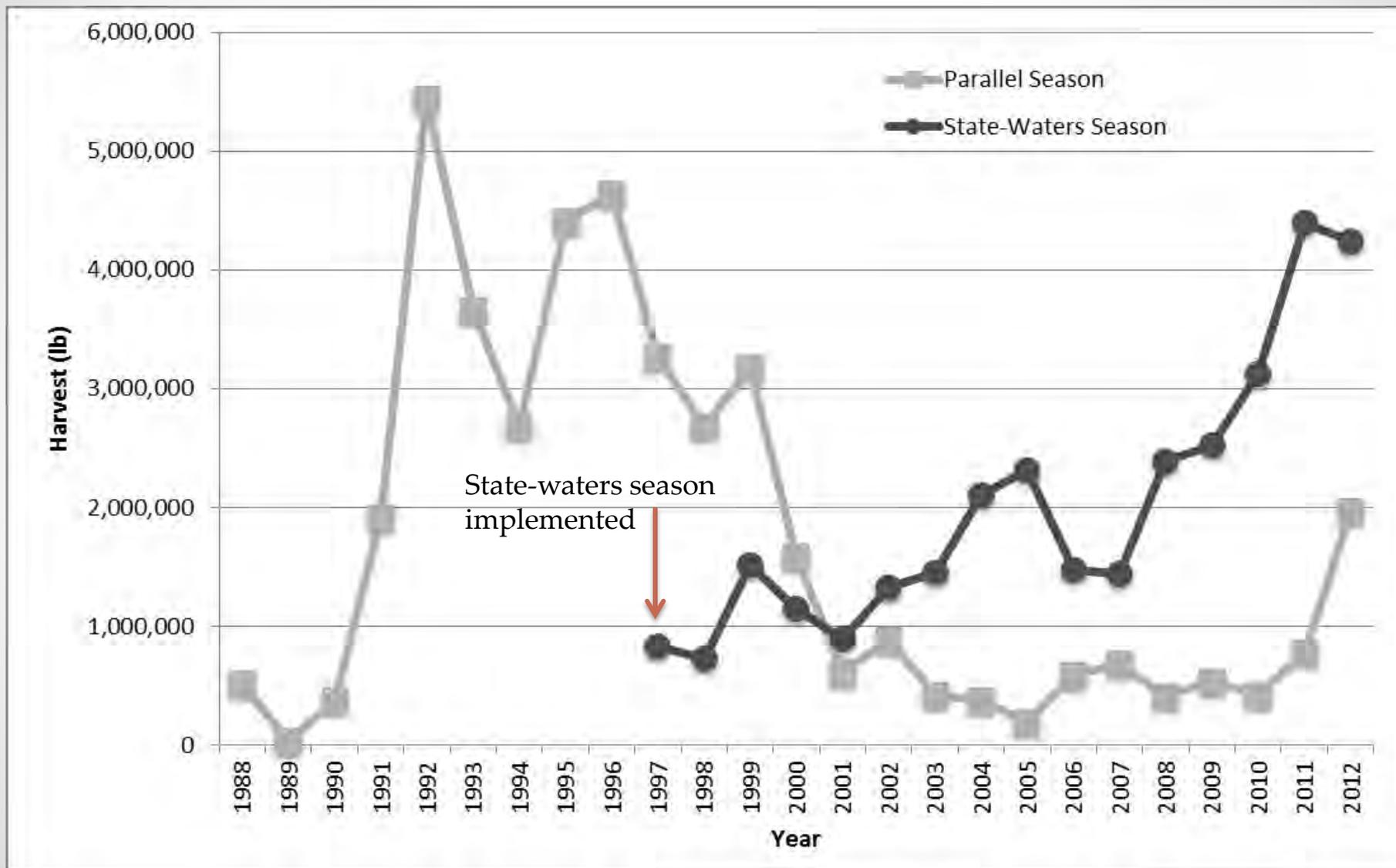
State-waters season: GHL calculated as 3.75% of federal CGOA total allowable harvest

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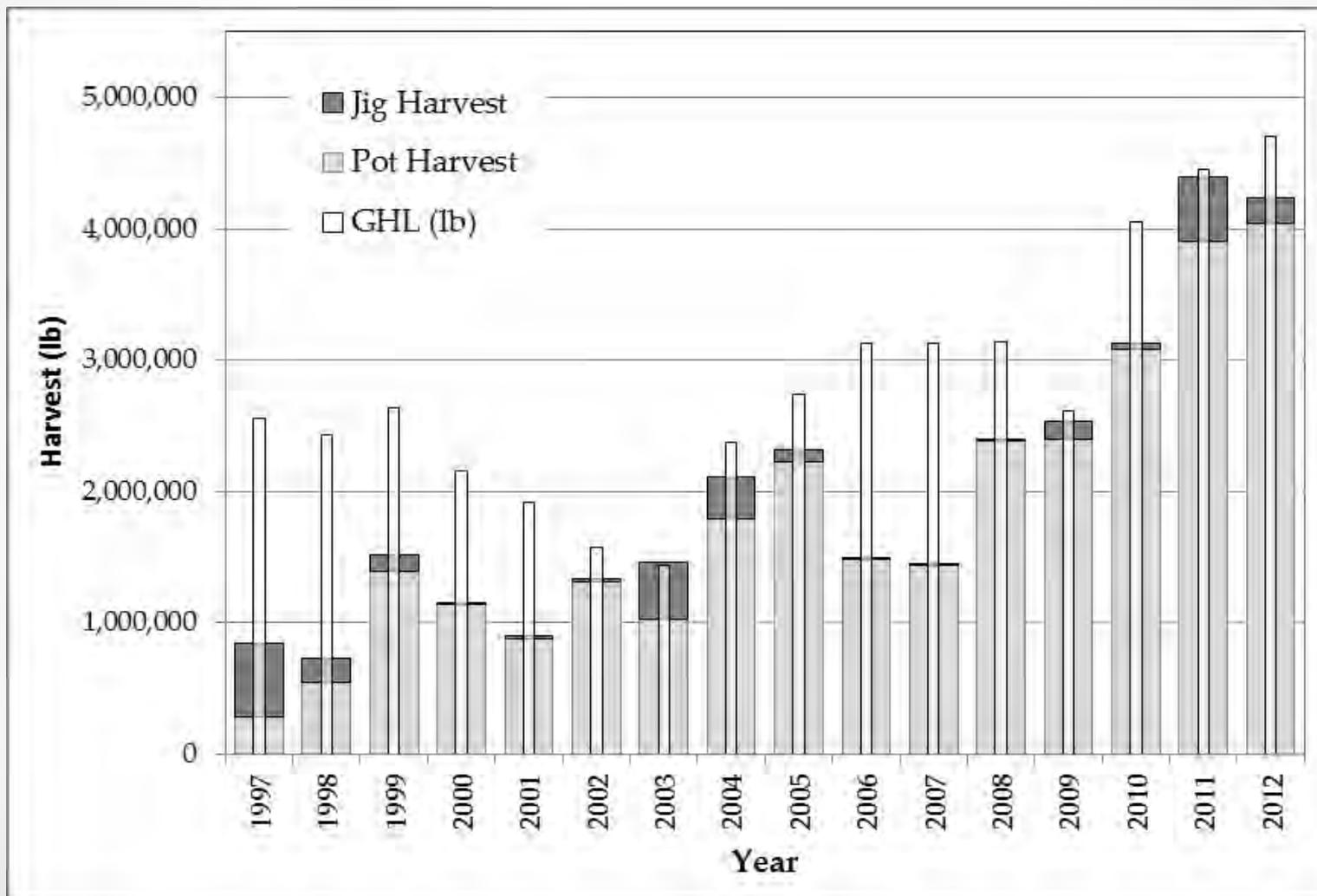
Parallel season: None

State-waters season: Pots 85% of GHL, 15% jig; 25% of GHL cap on vessels >58'; GHL left available to pot and jig after Sept. 1

Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Harvest



Cook Inlet Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Harvest and Guideline Harvest Levels



Cook Inlet State-Waters Fishery Harvest Trends

Highest GHGs 2010-2013

Over 4 mil lbs

Previous high was 3.1 mil lbs

Highest total harvest occurred in these same years, 2010-2013

Highest – 4.4 mil lbs in 2011

Pot vessels have taken a majority of the harvest

Jig vessels had a high % of the harvest in 2003, but in recent years, 0-11%

Vessel participation high in 2011 and 2012

~ 40 vessels, highest since 1999

Overview of Current State-Waters Pacific Cod Fisheries in Cook Inlet and Prince Williams Sound

	COOK INLET	PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
Open Date	<u>Pot and jig</u> : 24 hours after CGOA closes	<u>Pot and jig</u> : 24 hours after CGOA closes <u>Longline</u> : 7 days after CGOA closes or when IFQ halibut opens , whichever is last
GHL	3.75% of CGOA ABC	25% of EGOA ABC
Allowed Gear	Pot and Jig	Longline, Pot, and Jig
GHL Allocations	85% Pot 15% Jig	85% Longline 15% Pot and jig

Proposals under Consideration for Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Fisheries

Prince William Sound (No Proposals)

Cook Inlet (2 Proposals)

Proposal 2: Increase state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHL) in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik areas based on 10-year average parallel season Pacific cod catch.

Proposal 6: Open state-waters Pacific cod season to longline gear July 15, if guideline harvest level (GHL) remains.

Questions?

