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centimeter	cm	Alaska Administrative Code	AAC	<i>all standard mathematical signs, symbols and abbreviations</i>	
deciliter	dL	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	alternate hypothesis	H_A
gram	g	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	base of natural logarithm	e
hectare	ha	at	@	catch per unit effort	CPUE
kilogram	kg	compass directions:		coefficient of variation	CV
kilometer	km	east	E	common test statistics	(F, t, χ^2 , etc.)
liter	L	north	N	confidence interval	CI
meter	m	south	S	correlation coefficient (multiple)	R
milliliter	mL	west	W	correlation coefficient (simple)	r
millimeter	mm	copyright	©	covariance	cov
		corporate suffixes:		degree (angular)	°
Weights and measures (English)		Company	Co.	degrees of freedom	df
cubic feet per second	ft ³ /s	Corporation	Corp.	expected value	E
foot	ft	Incorporated	Inc.	greater than	>
gallon	gal	Limited	Ltd.	greater than or equal to	≥
inch	in	District of Columbia	D.C.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
mile	mi	et alii (and others)	et al.	less than	<
nautical mile	nmi	et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	less than or equal to	≤
ounce	oz	exempli gratia	e.g.	logarithm (natural)	ln
pound	lb	(for example)		logarithm (base 10)	log
quart	qt	Federal Information Code	FIC	logarithm (specify base)	log ₂ , etc.
yard	yd	id est (that is)	i.e.	minute (angular)	'
		latitude or longitude	lat. or long.	not significant	NS
Time and temperature		monetary symbols (U.S.)	\$, ¢	null hypothesis	H_0
day	d	months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan, ..., Dec	percent	%
degrees Celsius	°C	registered trademark	®	probability	P
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	trademark	™	probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α
degrees kelvin	K	United States (adjective)	U.S.	probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β
hour	h	United States of America (noun)	USA	second (angular)	"
minute	min	U.S.C.	United States Code	standard deviation	SD
second	s	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)	standard error	SE
				variance	
Physics and chemistry				population sample	Var var
all atomic symbols					
alternating current	AC				
ampere	A				
calorie	cal				
direct current	DC				
hertz	Hz				
horsepower	hp				
hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH				
parts per million	ppm				
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰				
volts	V				
watts	W				

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ABSTRACT

This document provides an overview of the 2013 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* season and summarizes regulations governing gear specifications, guideline harvest level (GHL), rollover provisions, vessel size and registration requirements, legal gear, pot storage, landing requirements, and bycatch provisions. The 2013 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear is scheduled to open seven days after closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot sector A-season or March 7, whichever is later. The 2013 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear is scheduled to open by regulation on March 15. Vessels participating in a Chignik state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in length, and gear is limited to pot and jig. No more than 60 pots or 5 mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel. The 2013 Chignik Area state-waters season Pacific cod GHL is 9,507,876 pounds. Pot vessels are allocated 90 percent of the total GHL or 8,557,088 pounds. Jig vessels are allocated 10 percent of the total GHL or 950,788 pounds.

Key words: Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*, Chignik Area, regulations, guideline harvest level, state-waters season, parallel season

INTRODUCTION

AREA DESCRIPTION

The Chignik Area for groundfish consists of all waters of Alaska on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula enclosed by a line extending south from the Alaska Peninsula near Kilokak Rocks at 156°20.22' W long, and a line extending 135° southeast from Kupreanof Point at 55°33.98' N lat, 159°35.88' W long (Figure 1).

OVERVIEW

Two distinct Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* fisheries occur within state waters (0–3 nmi) of the Chignik Area; the parallel and state-waters Pacific cod seasons. The parallel fishery is prosecuted concurrent to the federal Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod fishery. The parallel fishery is managed by adopting most National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) rules and management actions. The second Pacific cod fishery is the Chignik Area state-waters fishery. The state-waters fishery is independent of the federal/parallel fishery and is managed exclusively by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) under guidelines developed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Parallel Season

When federal (3–200 nmi) waters are open to directed Pacific cod fishing, the state opens a concurrent parallel season inside state waters (0–3 nmi). Unless specifically prohibited, the same gear types in the federal Pacific cod fishery are allowed in the parallel fishery although non-pelagic trawl vessels are prohibited from fishing inside most state waters (5 AAC 39.164(b)(3), *Non-Pelagic Trawl Gear Restrictions*).

With the exception of vessels using jig gear, all vessels that participate in the parallel fishery must have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS; 5 AAC 28.087 (c)). All vessels targeting Pacific cod during the Chignik Area parallel fishery are restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length (5 AAC 28.537 (b)). Steller sea lion restrictions during the Chignik Area parallel fishery match federal management measures (5 AAC 28.087).

All vessel operators or agents must obtain a Westward Region parallel groundfish registration from ADF&G prior to fishing. Vessels operators that fish exclusively in the parallel Pacific cod fishery are not required to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or Pacific cod gear endorsement

administered through the federal License Limitation Program. Vessel operators that possess a FFP and participate in the parallel fishery are responsible for understanding federal regulations regarding observer coverage and logbook requirements.

Pacific cod harvested during the parallel/federal fishery are deducted from the gear specific sector allocation. For additional information regarding federal Pacific cod fisheries contact NMFS (907-481-1780) or NMFS enforcement (907-486-3298). For additional information regarding parallel Pacific cod fisheries contact ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840).

State-Waters Season

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is an open access fishery and is prosecuted independent of the federal/parallel fishery. Specific information pertaining to the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is outlined below.

STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

Regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery begin on page 52 in the 2012–2013 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations booklet. ADF&G manages the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season in accordance with the *Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan* (5 AAC 28.537). Following is a summary of important regulations that govern the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season.

2013 GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL

The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the state-waters Pacific cod season is based on 8.75 percent of the CGOA Acceptable Biological Catch for Pacific cod. **The 2013 GHL for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is 9,507,876 million pounds.** By regulation, 90 percent of the total GHL, or 8,557,088 pounds, is allocated to pot vessels while 10 percent of the total GHL, or 950,788 million pounds, is allocated to jig vessels.

SEASON DATES AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL ROLLOVER PROVISIONS

Pot Gear Season

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear will open seven days after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season or March 7, whichever is later. The state-waters season for pot gear will close when 90 percent of the total Chignik Area Pacific cod GHL has been harvested by pot vessels; however, if the state-waters pot gear GHL allocation has not been fully harvested by August 28, the state-waters pot gear season will close on August 28 to allow the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector B-season to open on September 1.

Jig Gear Season

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open by regulation on March 15. If the federal/parallel jig gear sector A-season has not closed by March 15, ADF&G will close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig sector season and open the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear. If the state-waters jig season opens prior to closure of the federal jig sector season, the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear season (0–3 nmi) will be prosecuted

concurrent to the federal (3–200 nmi) jig gear sector Pacific cod A-season. Vessels that participate in the Chignik Area state-waters season will be subject to state fisheries regulations and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear GHL. Vessels that participate in the federal jig gear sector A-season will be subject to federal fisheries regulations and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the federal jig gear sector A-season harvest allocation.

When the Chignik Area state-waters season and the federal Pacific cod season are open concurrently for the same gear:

- Vessels may not simultaneously participate in the Chignik Area state-waters season and any other concurrent Pacific cod season.
- Vessels registered for the state-waters season must invalidate their Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod registration prior to participating in a federal Pacific cod season.
- Vessels participating in a federal Pacific cod season must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered prior to validating or invalidating a Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod registration.
- Vessel operators may validate or invalidate vessel registrations by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840) during normal state business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM).

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will close when 10 percent of the total Chignik Area Pacific cod GHL has been harvested by jig vessels; however, if the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation has not been fully harvested by June 8, the state-waters jig gear season may close on June 8 based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota to allow the federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector B-season to open on June 10. The state-waters season for jig gear will reopen after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector B-season, if the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation has not been achieved.

Guideline Harvest Level Rollover Provisions

If Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL is available for harvest at the time of the federal/parallel CGOA pot gear sector B-season closure, the state-waters Pacific cod season may reopen to both pot and jig gear. If a substantial portion of the state-waters season GHL remains unharvested on or after October 30, gear limits and vessel size restrictions may be removed to facilitate full harvest of the GHL. All regulatory actions regarding late season rollover provisions will be announced by ADF&G news release.

VESSEL SIZE RESTRICTIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Pacific cod may not be taken by vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length during the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season unless the vessel size restriction is removed by ADF&G and announced by news release on or after October 30.

All vessels, including tender vessels, must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the state-waters season. Vessel registration for the federal/parallel fishery *is not valid for the state-waters Pacific cod season*; a separate state-waters Pacific cod registration is required.

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season is a superexclusive registration area fishery. Vessels registered for the 2013 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not register for

any other state-waters Pacific cod season during 2013. Conversely, if a vessel has registered for any state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the Chignik Area during 2013, that vessel may not participate in the 2013 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season.

Pacific cod registrations may be obtained in person or by FAX at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. Vessel operators must possess a 2013 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim use miscellaneous finfish permit card for the appropriate gear type prior to registration. CFEC and other fishery related contact information is located in Appendix A1.

LEGAL GEAR, GEAR LIMITS, AND BUOY TAGS

Pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll gear are the only legal gear types during the state-waters Pacific cod season. Vessels may not use pot and jig gear at the same time. However, vessel operators may change gear registration by contacting the Kodiak ADF&G office (Appendix A1). During the state-waters season, groundfish pots of any size may be used to take Pacific cod although pot gear individual tunnel eye openings must be 36 inches in perimeter or less. All pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape mechanism (5 AAC 39.145 *Escape Mechanism for Shellfish and Bottomfish Pots*). Pots must contain an opening 18 inches or greater in length placed within six inches of the bottom of the pot laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100 percent cotton twine no larger than 30 thread count. No more than 60 groundfish pots may be operated from a vessel, unless the pot limit has been rescinded by ADF&G news release on or after October 30.

Buoy tags are required for pot gear when the 60 pot limit is in effect. Tags must be placed on the main buoy or trailer buoy. **Buoy tags must be purchased for the 2013 season and will be available at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor for \$1.50 per tag.** Tags may be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service if paid for prior to shipment. Buoy tags may also be available prior to the season opening date at the city office in Chignik and from an ADF&G representative in Sand Point. A valid 2013 miscellaneous finfish CFEC permit card for pot gear is required to receive tags. Contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 907-486-1840 for additional information on buoy tags.

If buoy tags are lost during the season, replacement tags may be obtained by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak. The vessel owner, operator, or agent must complete and submit an affidavit form to ADF&G describing how the tags were lost and supply the location and unique number(s) of each lost tag. Pots with lost tags may remain in the water but those pots must be secured open with bait and bait containers removed until replacement tags are obtained.

Vessels using mechanical jigging machines are restricted to using no more than five mechanical jigging machines unless the jig limit has been rescinded by ADF&G on or after October 30. Each of the five permissible lines may have no more than 30 hooks. Vessels may operate both hand troll and mechanical jigging gear at the same time; however, separate CFEC permit cards and fish tickets are required for each gear type at the time of landing.

BUOY MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Buoys attached to pots must comply with 5 AAC 28.050 *Lawful Gear for Groundfish*. All groundfish pots must be marked with the permanent ADF&G vessel number that corresponds with the ADF&G vessel number operating that gear (5 AAC 28.530(c)). The buoy containing the five-digit ADF&G number may not be marked with any additional numbers; however, symbols

and letters are acceptable on this buoy. Trailer buoys used to mark ownership or string sequence may be marked with any desired numbers, symbols, or letters.

POT STORAGE AND LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Pot storage requirements are specified in 5 AAC 28.532 on page 53 in the groundfish regulations booklet. Following closure of a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod season, groundfish pots may be stored with all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured fully open on rectangular pots and doors not secured closed on pyramid and conical pots in waters greater than 25 fathoms for a maximum of seven days following the closure date. After seven days following a closure, groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored in waters 25 fathoms or less.

If the time period between closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season and the start of the Chignik Area state-waters pot gear season is more than seven days, all pot gear inside state-waters (0–3 nmi) must be placed into legal storage (25 fathoms or less). During the seven days before the opening of the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season, open and unbaited gear may be placed on the fishing grounds in waters greater than 25 fathoms. Contact NMFS enforcement (Appendix A1) regarding gear storage in federal waters.

Landing requirements are specified in 5 AAC 28.541 on page 57 in the groundfish regulations booklet. With two exceptions, vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod season are required to deliver their catch within 48 hours after a closure. Vessels may have Pacific cod onboard after the 48-hour period following a closure only when 1) the cod were harvested as allowable bycatch in another directed fishery, or 2) the vessel has been delayed due to extraordinary circumstances and the vessel operator has contacted an ADF&G representative within 48 hours following the closure and has been granted additional time to reach the port of landing.

BYCATCH

Inside state waters (0–3 nmi), ADF&G adopts NMFS maximum retainable bycatch percentages applicable in the Exclusive Economic Zone (3–200 nmi) for species that are not actively managed by the State of Alaska. Retainable bycatch percentages are subject to change and may differ between species. Unless otherwise specified, the maximum bycatch limit for any species of groundfish is 20 percent by weight of the targeted Pacific cod onboard a vessel. Notably, lingcod, dark rockfish, and octopus may be retained up to 20 percent by weight of retained Pacific cod and must be landed on the miscellaneous finfish card required to harvest Pacific cod. Lingcod may only be retained from July 1 to December 31 and must be 35 inches or greater in length from tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. Black rockfish may be retained up to 5 percent by weight of landed Pacific cod. Vessels that are concurrently registered for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season and the Chignik Area directed black rockfish season may retain black rockfish in excess of the 5 percent bycatch limit when the Chignik Area directed black rockfish season is open to commercial fishing. Retainable bycatch percentages for federally managed species are located on the NMFS Alaska Region website: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/> or by contacting NMFS enforcement (Appendix A1). Contact the ADF&G office in Kodiak (907-486-1840) regarding retainable bycatch percentages for state managed species.

CATCH REPORTING

ADF&G will manage the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot season using inseason catch reports (Appendix B1) provided by vessel operators. Vessel operators using pot gear are encouraged to report daily the harvest location, number of pot lifts, and pounds of Pacific cod retained in the previous 24-hour period. Inseason catch reports allow ADF&G to consider how changes in effort, fleet behavior, tides, and weather influence harvest rates. Catch reports will be taken by satellite dispatch service (7894), phone (907-486-1840), or e-mail (trent.hartill@alaska.gov). Vessel operators will be asked for their preferred reporting method when registering and reporting worksheets will be issued at that time.

Reports will initially be taken at 9:00 AM daily. Reports should include the area fished, number of pot lifts, and pounds of cod retained for the previous 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).

INSEASON ANNOUNCEMENTS

All inseason fishery management actions during the state-waters season will be communicated to the fleet by dispatch, distributed via the ADF&G news release email subscription service (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), placed on the ADF&G recorded information phone (907-486-4559), and relayed through participating processors. ADF&G will make every effort to provide sufficient time for permit holders to configure gear for storage or place gear onboard before a closure; however, the potential exists for a short advance notice closure.

Weekly harvest updates will be released each Monday after 4:00 PM while the state-waters season is open. Weekly harvest updates are available on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.groundfish#/harvest> or from the ADF&G groundfish management office in Kodiak.

FIGURES

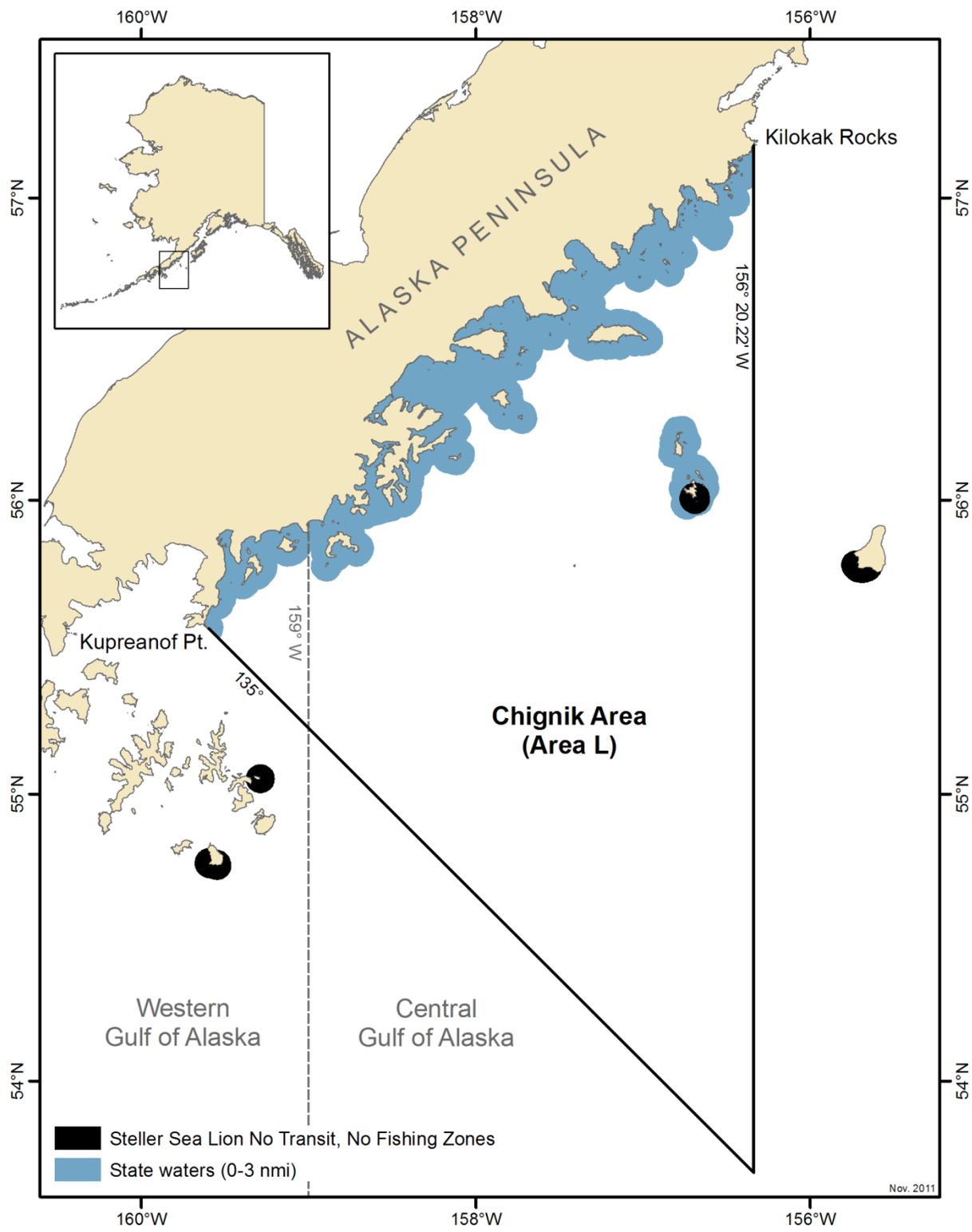


Figure 1.—Chignik Area for state-waters Pacific cod.

**APPENDIX A. LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS, BY
AGENCY AND LOCATION**

Appendix A1.–List of fishery contacts, by agency and location.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.groundfish>

Kodiak Office

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Airport Beach Road, Dutch Harbor

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FAX: (907) 581-1572

Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers

web site: <http://www.dps.state.ak.us/AWT/>

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Physical Address: 8800 Glacier Highway #109
Juneau, Alaska

Phone: (907) 789-6150
FAX: (907) 789-6170

National Marine Fisheries Service – ALASKA REGION

web site: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>

Sustainable Fisheries Division

Juneau Office

Phone: (800) 304-4846 #3

Dutch Harbor Office

Phone: (907) 581-2062

Kodiak Office

Phone: (907) 481-1780

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement

Dutch Harbor Office

Phone: (907) 581-2061

Kodiak Office

Phone: (907) 486-3298

NOAA Observer Program

Phone: (206) 526-4795

APPENDIX B. EXAMPLE OF REPORTING WORKSHEET

**APPENDIX C. SUMMARY OF KODIAK, CHIGNIK, AND
SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA PARALLEL AND STATE-
WATERS PACIFIC COD SEASON DATES BY GEAR TYPE**

Appendix C1.-Summary of Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula parallel and state-waters Pacific cod season dates by gear type.

Pacific Cod Season Opening Dates	Kodiak		Chignik		South Alaska Peninsula	
	Pot	Jig	Pot	Jig	Pot	Jig
Federal/Parallel A-Season	January 1 st	January 1 st	January 1st	January 1st	January 1 st	January 1 st
State-Waters GHL Season	7 days after Federal CGOA pot A-Season	48 hours after Federal CGOA jig A-Season ^a	March 7 or seven days after closure of CGOA pot A-Season, whichever is later	March 15th	March 7 or seven days after closure of WGOA pot A-Season, whichever is later	48 hours after Federal WGOA jig A-Season ^b
Federal/Parallel B-Season	September 1 st	June 10 th	September 1st	June 10th	September 1 st	June 10 th
State-Waters GHL Rollover	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal WGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal WGOA pot B-Season
State-Waters GHL	13,582,680 (whole pounds)		9,507,876 (whole pounds)		15,586,682 (whole pounds)	
GHL By Gear Type	6,791,340 (50%)	6,791,340 (50%)	8,557,088 (90%)	950,788 (10%)	13,248,680 (85%)	2,338,002 (15%)

Note: CGOA = Federal Central Gulf of Alaska Management Area; WGOA = Federal Western Gulf of Alaska Management Area

^a If the CGOA federal/parallel A-season jig sector harvest allocation has not been achieved by March 15, the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A-season may close and the Kodiak Area state-waters season for jig gear may open on March 15 or later depending on ADF&G’s ability to provide for orderly fisheries based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota.

^b If the WGOA federal/parallel A-season jig sector harvest allocation has not been achieved by March 15, the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A-season may close and the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters season for jig gear may open on March 15 or later depending on ADF&G’s ability to provide for orderly fisheries based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota.

This document is for general information purposes only, it is not intended to be a complete list of fishery regulations, nor does it replace or supercede any existing regulations. Vessel owners and operators are responsible for understanding all state and federal regulations. For additional information contact Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840 or National Marine Fisheries Service Sustainable Fisheries Division at (800) 304-4846 option 3.