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Weights and measures (metric)

centimeter	cm
deciliter	dL
gram	g
hectare	ha
kilogram	kg
kilometer	km
liter	L
meter	m
milliliter	mL
millimeter	mm

Weights and measures (English)

cubic feet per second	ft^3/s
foot	ft
gallon	gal
inch	in
mile	mi
nautical mile	nmi
ounce	oz
pound	lb
quart	qt
yard	yd

Time and temperature

day	d
degrees Celsius	°C
degrees Fahrenheit	°F
degrees kelvin	K
hour	h
minute	min
second	s

Physics and chemistry

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

General

Alaska Administrative Code	AAC
all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.
all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.
at	@
compass directions:	
east	E
north	N
south	S
west	W
copyright	©
corporate suffixes:	
Company	Co.
Corporation	Corp.
Incorporated	Inc.
Limited	Ltd.
District of Columbia	D.C.
et alii (and others)	et al.
et cetera (and so forth)	etc.
exempli gratia (for example)	e.g.
Federal Information Code	FIC
id est (that is)	i.e.
latitude or longitude	lat. or long.
monetary symbols (U.S.)	$, ¢
months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan,...,Dec
registered trademark	®
trademark	™
United States (adjective)	U.S.
United States of America (noun)	USA
U.S.C.	United States Code
U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)

Mathematics, statistics

all standard mathematical signs, symbols and abbreviations	
alternate hypothesis	H_A
base of natural logarithm	*e*
catch per unit effort	CPUE
coefficient of variation	CV
common test statistics	(F, t, χ^2, etc.)
confidence interval	CI
correlation coefficient (multiple)	R
correlation coefficient (simple)	r
covariance	cov
degree (angular)	°
degrees of freedom	df
expected value	*E*
greater than	>
greater than or equal to	≥
harvest per unit effort	HPUE
less than	<
less than or equal to	≤
logarithm (natural)	ln
logarithm (base 10)	log
logarithm (specify base)	$log_{2,}$ etc.
minute (angular)	'
not significant	NS
null hypothesis	H_O
percent	%
probability	P
probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α
probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β
second (angular)	"
standard deviation	SD
standard error	SE
variance	
population	Var
sample	var

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ABSTRACT

This document provides an overview of the 2015 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* season and summarizes regulations governing gear specifications, guideline harvest level (GHL), GHL rollover provisions, maximum vessel length and registration requirements, legal gear, pot storage, landing requirements, and bycatch provisions. The 2015 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear is scheduled to open 7 days after closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot sector A-season or March 1, whichever is later. The 2015 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear is scheduled to open by regulation on March 15. Vessels participating in the Chignik state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in length, and legal gear is limited to pot and jig gear. No more than 60 pots or 5 mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel. The 2015 Chignik Area state-waters season Pacific cod guideline GHL is 11,828,903 pounds. Pot vessels are allocated 90% of the total GHL or 10,646,012 pounds. Jig vessels are allocated 10% of the total GHL or 1,182,890 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 (0–3 nmi), commonly referred to as state waters, 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 of the Chignik Area. The first fishery is prosecuted concurrent to the federal Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod fishery and is referred to as the parallel 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 (BOF).

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 nonpelagic trawl vessels are prohibited from fishing inside most state waters (5 AAC 39.164(b)(3), *Nonpelagic trawl gear restrictions*)[1].

With the exception of vessels using jig gear, all vessels that participate in the parallel Pacific cod fishery must have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS; 5 AAC 28.087 (c))[1]. 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)) [1]. Steller sea lion *Eumetopias jubatus* restrictions during the Chignik Area parallel fishery match federal management measures (5 AAC 28.087[1]; Appendix A).

[1] ADF&G. 2014. 2014-2015 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau.

All vessel operators or agents must obtain a parallel groundfish registration from ADF&G prior to fishing. Vessel operators that fish exclusively in the parallel Pacific cod fishery are not required to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or a Pacific cod gear endorsement administered through the federal License Limitation Program (LLP). Vessel operators that possess an FFP and participate in the parallel fishery are responsible for understanding federal regulations (e.g., observer coverage and logbook requirements).

Pacific cod harvested during parallel fisheries are deducted from the same gear specific sector allocation. For additional information regarding federal Pacific cod fisheries, contact NMFS (800-304-4846 #3) or NMFS Enforcement (907-486-3298). For additional information regarding parallel Pacific cod fisheriesm contact ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840; Appendix B).

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. Information specific to the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season is outlined below.

STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

Regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season begin on page 46 in the 2014–2015 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.

2015 GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL

The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the state-waters Pacific cod season is based on 8.75% of the CGOA Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for Pacific cod. **The 2015 GHL for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is 11,828,903 million pounds.** By regulation, 90% of the total GHL, or 10,646,012 pounds, is allocated to pot vessels, while 10% of the total GHL, or 1,182,890 million pounds, is allocated to jig vessels.

SEASON DATES AND GHL ROLLOVER PROVISIONS

Pot Gear Season

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear will open at 12:01 a.m. March 1, or 7 days after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later (Appendix D). The state-waters season for pot gear will close when 90% 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 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; and
- 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% 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 GHL, 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.

GHL Rollover Provisions

The Chignik Area Pacific cod management plan provides late-season fishing opportunity when the GHL is not fully harvested. If either Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot or jig GHL is available for harvest on August 15, 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 GHL rollover provisions will be announced by ADF&G news release.

VESSEL SIZE RESTRICTION 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 length 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 2015 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not register for any other state-waters Pacific cod season during 2015. Conversely, if a vessel has registered for any state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the Chignik Area during 2015, that vessel may not participate in the 2015 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season. The Chignik Area superexclusive registration requirements do not apply during a parallel Pacific cod fishery.

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 2015 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 in Appendix B1.

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 B1). 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*)[2]. The biodegradable escape mechanism is an opening 18 inches or greater in length placed within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot and laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100% 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 2015 season and will be available at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor for $1.50 per tag. Buoy tags may also be seasonally available at the city office in Chignik and from an ADF&G representative in Sand Point prior to the season opening date. A valid 2015 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 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 5 mechanical jigging machines unless the jig limit has been rescinded by ADF&G on or after October 30. Each of the 5 permissible lines may have no more than 30 hooks. Vessels may operate both hand troll

[2] ADF&G. 2014. 2014-2015 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau.

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*[3]. 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))[3]. The buoy containing the 5-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 GEAR CONFIGURATION

At the time of closure of a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod season, pots must be open and unbaited. Open and unbaited groundfish pots may be stored, at any depth, for a maximum of 7 days. After 7 days following a closure, groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored in waters 25 fathoms or less. Following closure of the state-waters season vessel operators may not operate pot gear while Pacific cod is onboard (5 AAC 28.070 (c)(1))[3].

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 7 days, all open and unbaited pot gear inside state-waters (0–3 nmi) must be placed into legal storage (25 fathoms or less). In this situation, gear may not be placed on the fishing grounds (greater than 25 fathoms) until 7 days prior to the start of the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season. Contact NMFS Enforcement (Appendix B1) regarding gear storage in federal waters.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Landing requirements are specified in 5 AAC 28.541[3] on page 51 in the groundfish regulations booklet. With 2 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) cod were harvested as allowable bycatch in another directed fishery, or 2) the vessel is 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 (EEZ; 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, maximum bycatch limit for any species of groundfish is 20% by weight of the targeted Pacific cod onboard a vessel. Notably, lingcod *Ophiodon elongatus* and dark rockfish *Sebastes ciiatus* may be retained up to 20% 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. **During a state-waters or parallel**

[3] ADF&G. 2014. 2014-2015 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau.

Pacific cod fishery, octopus may be retained as bycatch up to 20 percent by weight of retained Pacific cod and must be landed on a miscellaneous finfish card (5 AAC 38.417[4]**).** Black rockfish may be retained up to 5% by weight of landed Pacific cod. Jig 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% 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 B1). 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 season using inseason catch reports (Appendix C1) provided by vessel operators. Vessel operators using pot gear are strongly 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, phone, fax, or e-mail (mailto:mark.stichert@alaska.gov). **The Kodiak groundfish management office dispatch number is 7894.** 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 10:00 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 in the state-waters season will be 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), relayed through participating processors, and communicated to the fleet by dispatch. 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.

[4] ADF&G. 2014. 2014-2015 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau.

FIGURES

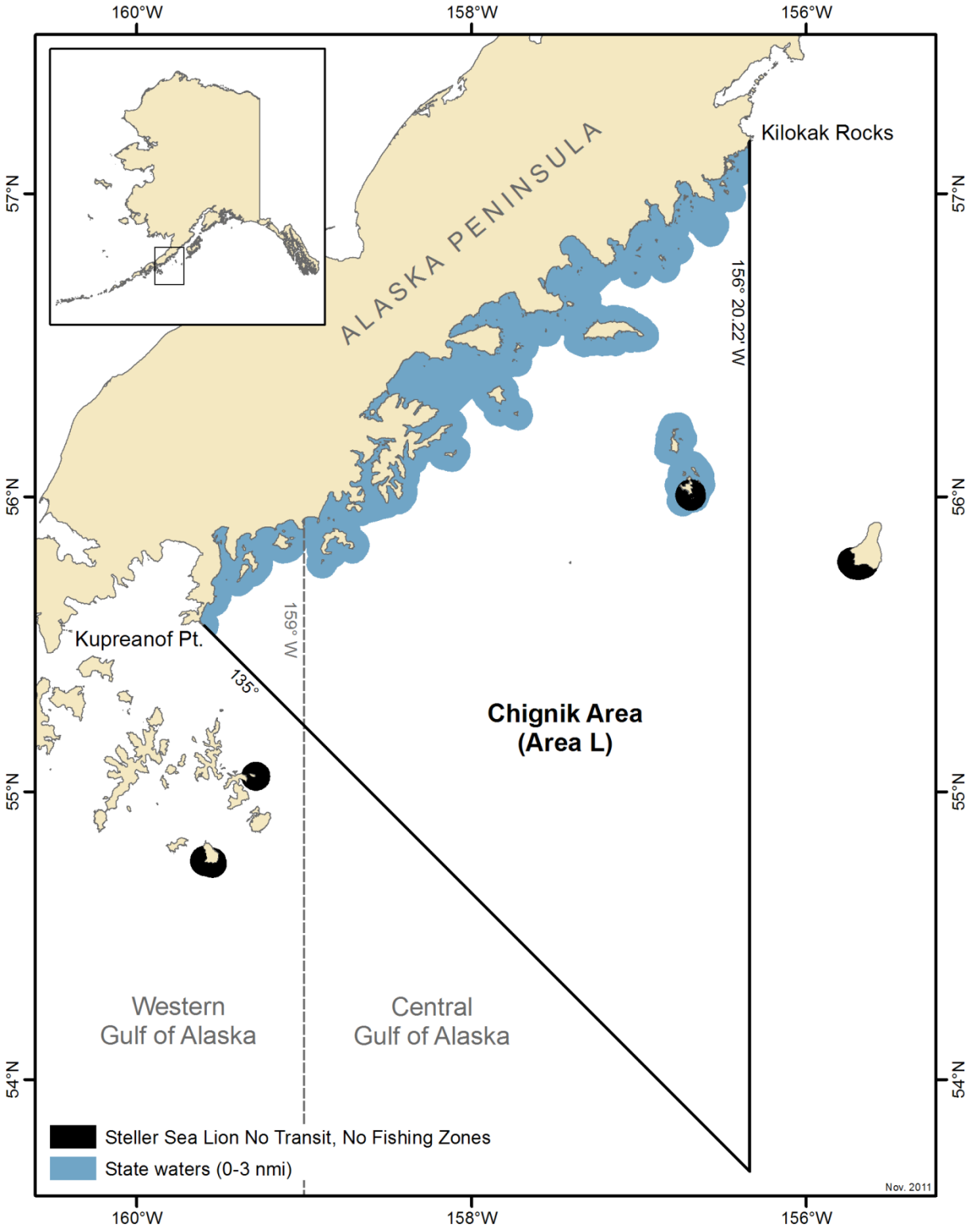
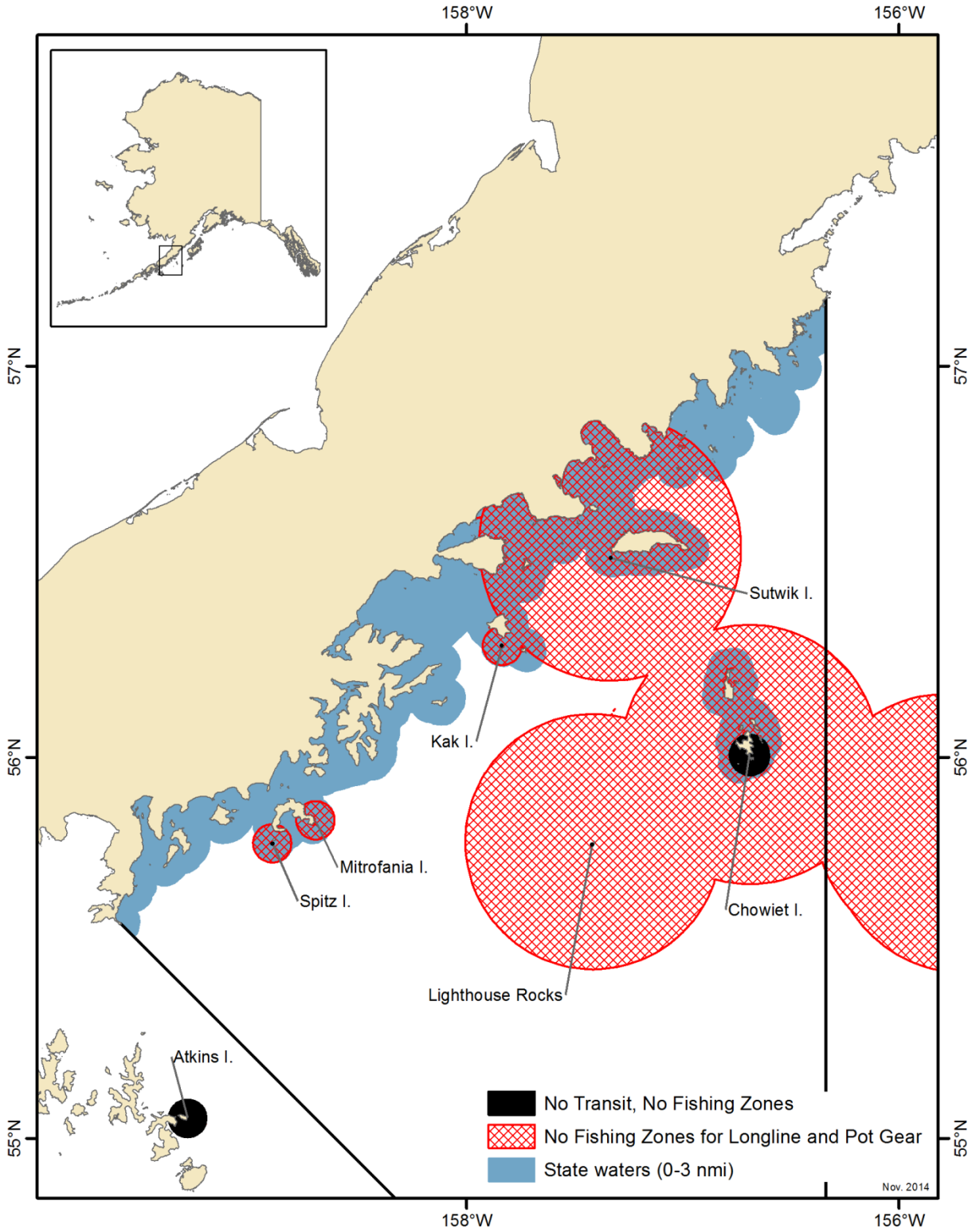


Figure 1.–Chignik Area for state-waters Pacific cod.

APPENDIX A. CHIGNIK AREA STELLER SEA LION RESTRICTIONS DURING THE PARALLEL SEASON

Appendix A1.–Steller sea lion restrictions for pot and longline gear during the parallel Pacific cod season in the Chignik Area.



APPENDIX B. LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS, BY AGENCY AND LOCATION

Appendix B2.–List of fishery contacts, by agency and location.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByArea.southwest

Kodiak Office

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Physical Address: F.T.S. building, 2nd floor, Airport Beach Road, Dutch Harbor
Phone: (907) 581-1239
FAX: (907) 581-1572

Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers

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

Kodiak Office

Mail Address: 2921 A Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, Alaska 99615
Physical Address: 2921 A Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, Alaska
Phone: (907) 486-4762
FAX: (907) 486-5480

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Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

web site: http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/

Mail Address: P.O. Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302
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

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement

Dutch Harbor Office	**Phone:** (907) 581-2061
Kodiak Office	**Phone:** (907) 486-3298
NOAA Observer Program	**Phone:** (206) 526-4795

APPENDIX C. EXAMPLE OF REPORTING WORKSHEET

Appendix C1.–Example of reporting worksheet.

2015 Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Reporting Worksheet

Vessel Name:_____

Previous 24 Hour Period (date) *midnight to midnight*	**Item 1** *Area Fished*	**Item 2** *Number of Pots Lifted*	**Item 3** *Pounds of Cod Retained*

Instructions:

Report catch for the previous 24 hour period (Midnight - Midnight) to ADF&G Kodiak **daily** by any of the following methods:

* **Phone** (ADF&G Kodiak): 486.1840 or 486.1853 * **Dispatch:** # 7894

* **E-mail:** mark.stichert@alaska.gov

* **Fax:** 486.1824

Reports will be taken daily between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

Report **vessel name, area fished, number of pots lifted,** and **pounds of cod retained.**

Do not combine reports. If one or more reporting periods are missed, report each period individually.

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

Appendix D1.–Summary of Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula parallel and state-waters Pacific cod season dates and guideline harvest level 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	January 1	January 1	January 1	January 1	January 1
State-Waters GHL Season	7 days after Federal CGOA pot A-Season	48 hours after Federal CGOA jig A-Season*	March 1 or seven days after closure of CGOA pot A-Season, whichever is later	March 15	March 7 or seven days after closure of WGOA pot A-Season, whichever is later	48 hours after Federal WGOA jig A-Season**
Federal/Parallel B-Season	September 1	June 10	September 1	June 10	September 1	June 10
State-Waters GHL Rollover	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal CGOA pot B-Season	August 15	August 15	Following Federal WGOA pot B-Season	Following Federal WGOA pot B-Season
State-Waters GHL	**16,898,432 (whole pounds)**		**11,828,903 (whole pounds)**		**25,596,991 (whole pounds)**	
GHL By Gear Type	8,449,216 (50%)	8,449,216 (50%)	10,646,012 (90%)	1,182,890 (10%)	21,757,443 (85%)	3,839,549 (15%)

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

* 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 federal jig quota.

** 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 federal jig quota.

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