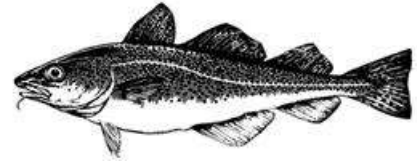


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**SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA
2014 STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL**

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) for 2014 is 21,657,085 pounds. By regulation, 85 percent of the total GHL is allocated to vessels using pot gear and 15 percent allocated to vessels using mechanical jig or hand troll gear.

<u>Gear Type</u>	<u>GHL (Pounds)</u>
Pot	18,408,522
Mechanical Jig/Hand Troll	3,248,563
Total:	21,657,085

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot vessels will open on March 7, 2014 or seven days after closure of the federal Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later, unless delayed by gale warnings in the marine weather forecast. The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open on March 15, 2014 or 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A-season closes; however, if the federal/parallel jig sector A-season has not closed by March 15, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) Pacific cod jig season and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear or allow the federal/parallel jig season to continue.

Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in overall length. Gear is limited to pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll. Vessels may not operate more than 60 pots or 5 mechanical jig machines. Vessel operators must obtain a state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration prior to participating in the state-waters season. Vessel registrations can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor and from local processors in Sand Point and King Cove.

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Buoy identification tags are required for all pot gear. **Buoy tags will be available for purchase at the ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor for \$1.50 per tag.** Tags may also be purchased through local processors in King Cove and Sand Point. Tags will be mailed by ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor through the U.S. Postal Service if paid for prior to shipment.

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season is an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod. Once a vessel is registered for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season that vessel may not register for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season during 2014. Alternatively, if a vessel has registered for an exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the South Alaska Peninsula Area during 2014, that vessel may not register for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season during 2014.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 486-1840.

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