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2020 Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates

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The 2020 Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 1.52 million pounds. The GHL is allocated 50% to vessels using pot gear and 50% to vessels using jig gear (758,000 pounds to each gear type). Vessels of any size may participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season. Pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length are limited to harvesting no more than 25% of the total GHL (379,00 pounds). The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2020 and the pot gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. February 24, 2020.

Pot gear vessels may not operate more than 60 groundfish pots and buoy tags are required for all pot gear. During the seven days prior to the state-waters season opening, open and unbaited groundfish pots may be stored on the fishing grounds at any depth but may not be baited until the state-waters pot gear season opens.

Jig gear vessels may not operate more than 5 mechanical jigging machines with a maximum of 30 hooks per line and may not have more than 500 hooks in the aggregate on board the vessel.

Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for pot or jig gear from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area vessel registration from ADF&G prior to participating in the state-waters fishery. Vessel registration and buoy tags are available at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

Tender vessel operators must obtain a tender vessel registration for the state-waters Pacific cod fisheries and must use the tLandings electronic reporting application to report all groundfish delivered to a tender vessel (5 AAC 28.033(a) and 5 AAC 39.130(b)).

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