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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Cook Inlet Area 2025 State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Closes to Jig Gear and Opens to All Legal Gear Types Emergency Order # 2-GF-H-13-25**

The Cook Inlet Area (CI) state-waters season will close to vessels using jig gear at 12:01 a.m. December 24 and immediately reopens to all legal gear types at 12:01 am December 24 through 11:59 p.m. December 31, unless closed earlier by emergency order. To make available the remaining 2025 CI Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) the department is, per 5 AAC 28.367(c)(3) and 5 AAC 28.367(g)(1) and (g)(2):

- Reallocating the unharvested state-waters jig GHL of 187,000 pounds to all legal gear types;
- Removing the limit on the number of groundfish pots and mechanical jig machines that may be operated from a vessel;
- Designating the CI area as a nonexclusive registration area for Pacific cod.

Participants are reminded of the waters within Kachemak Bay closed to groundfish pot gear (5 AAC 28.350(b); Figure 1).

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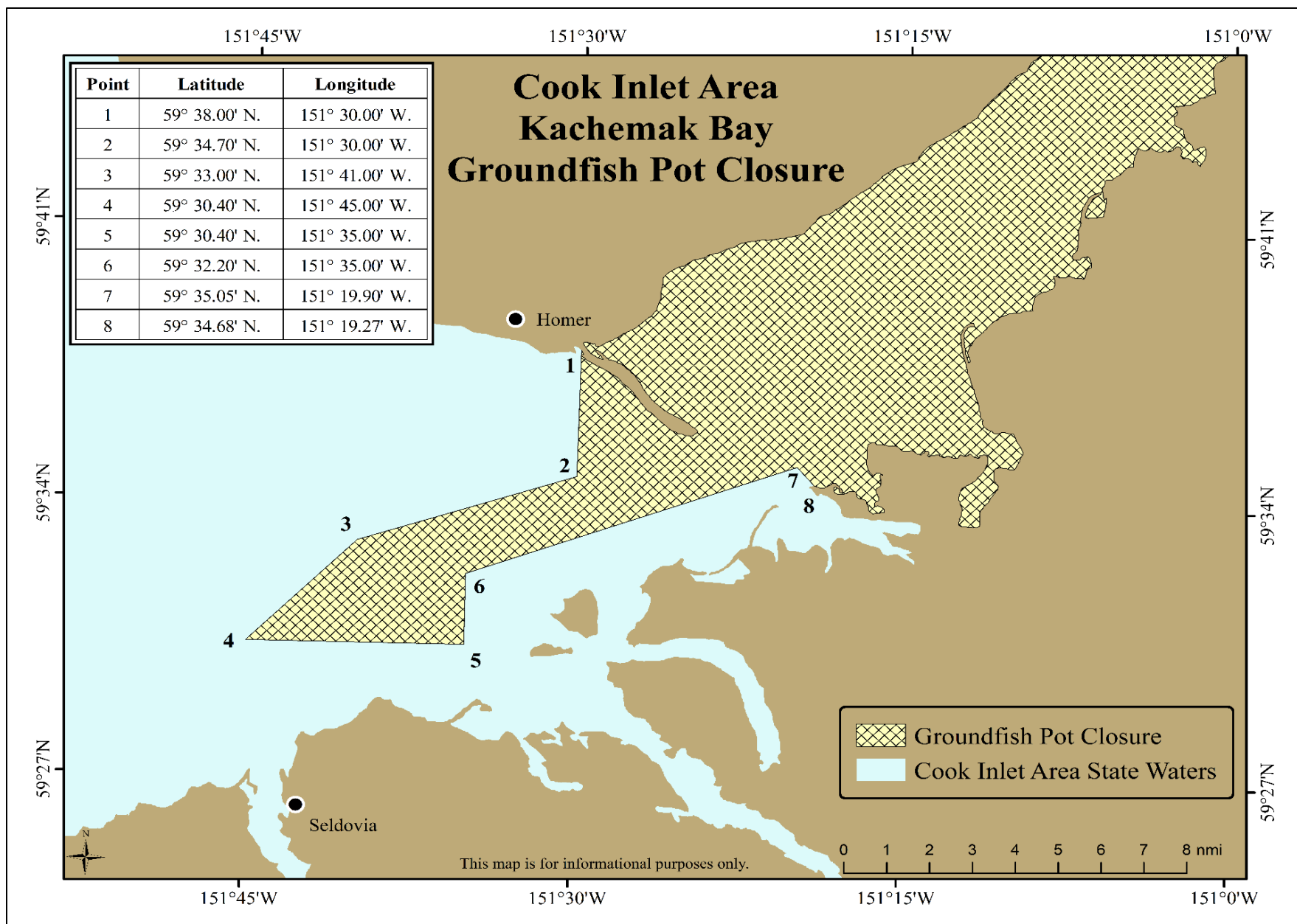


Figure 1. Kachemak Bay groundfish pot closure area with boundary coordinates.