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South Alaska Peninsula Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover

Emergency Order 4-GF-21-26

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken with either pot or jig gear following closure of the federal Western Gulf of Alaska pot gear B season. Through October 21, 2026, approximately 6.83 million pounds of state-waters Pacific cod has been harvested by vessels using pot gear and 728,000 pounds has been harvested by vessels using jig gear. Approximately 387,000 pounds of South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) remains available for harvest.

Effective 12:00 noon October 23, 2026, either pot or jig gear may be used to harvest the remaining South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes on December 31, 2026.

Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and a state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season. Prior to harvesting Pacific cod, pot gear vessel operators must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to comply with daily harvest reporting requirements.

Fishermen are reminded that the South Alaska Peninsula Area is an exclusive registration area for state-waters Pacific cod, vessel size is restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length, and gear limits are in effect, unless rescinded by emergency order after October 30. Pot gear vessels may not operate more than 60 groundfish pots; however, buoy tags are <u>not</u> required. Pots in excess of the 60-pot limit may be stored at any depth or be on board the vessel for up to eight days after the state-waters season opening.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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