

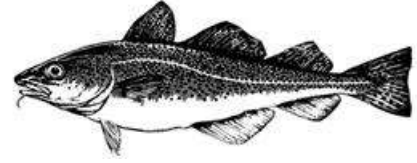
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Kodiak Management Area 2014 State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level

The 2014 guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Kodiak Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season has been established at 14.63 million pounds. Pot and jig vessels are each allocated 50 percent or 7.32 million pounds of the total GHL. Pot vessels greater than 58 feet in length are restricted to harvesting no more than 50 percent of the pot vessel GHL allocation.

The 2014 Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot vessels will open seven days after closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season. The 2014 Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig vessels will open 48 hours after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector A-season; however, if the CGOA jig gear sector has not closed by March 15 the state-waters jig gear season may open concurrent to the federal jig gear sector season pending assessment of effort, harvest rate, and remaining federal total allowable catch.

Legal gear in the state-waters fishery is limited to groundfish pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll gear. Vessels may not operate more than 60 pots or 5 mechanical jigging machines. Buoy identification tags are required for all pot gear when pot limits are in effect and are available at a cost of \$1.50 per tag. The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is an exclusive registration area fishery. Vessel operators must obtain a state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration prior to participating in the state-waters fishery. Vessel registration and buoy tags are available at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor.

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