

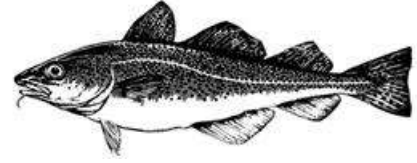
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CHIGNIK MANAGEMENT AREA 2014 STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL

The Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) for 2014 is 10,243,216 pounds. By regulation, 90 percent of the total GHL is allocated to vessels using pot gear and 10 percent allocated to vessels using mechanical jig or hand troll gear.

<u>Gear Type</u>	<u>GHL (Pounds)</u>
Pot	9,218,894
Mechanical Jig/Hand Troll	1,024,322
Total:	10,243,216

The Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot vessels will open March 1, 2014 or seven days after closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later. The 2014 Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open at 12:01 a.m. March 15.

Vessels participating in the Chignik Management 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 jigging 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 Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor, from local processors in Sand Point and the city office in Chignik.

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 Sand Point and King Cove and the city office in Chignik.

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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 Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season is a superexclusive registration area. Once a vessel is registered for the Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season that vessel may not register for any other state-waters Pacific cod season during 2014. Alternatively, if a vessel has registered for any state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the Chignik Management Area during 2014, that vessel may not register for the Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season during 2014.

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

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