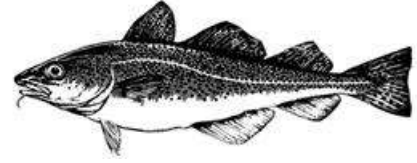


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**Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover
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The National Marine Fisheries Service announced closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod B season for pot gear effective 12:00 noon November 10, 2014. The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season will immediately reopen to vessels using pot and jig gear at 12:01 p.m. November 10, 2014. The Kodiak Area will be designated as a non-exclusive registration area for Pacific cod and gear limits will not be in effect. The remaining state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level is approximately 4.2 million pounds for pot and jig gear combined.

Fishermen are reminded that:

- Vessels may only operate gear inside state waters (0 to 3 nautical miles from shore).
- Pot gear vessels currently participating in the federal/parallel Pacific cod season are required to deliver all Pacific cod prior to participating in the state-waters season.
- Vessels that participated in the superexclusive Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season during 2014 are not eligible to participate in a 2014 Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season.
- Retention of octopus during the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season is limited to 20 percent by weight of Pacific cod onboard a vessel.
- Retention of lingcod is limited to 5 percent by weight of Pacific cod onboard for vessels using pot gear, and 20 percent by weight of Pacific cod onboard for vessels using jig gear. Only lingcod 35 inches or greater in total length may be retained by all gear types.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.

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