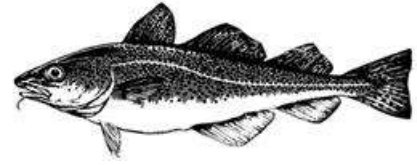


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**2016 DUTCH HARBOR SUBDISTRICT STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD  
GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL ANNOUNCED**

The 2016 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 35,979,072 pounds. The DHS is comprised of state waters of the Aleutian Islands District east of 170° W long, and state waters of the Bering Sea District west of 164° W long, and south of 55° 30' N lat. The DHS south of 53° 06.11' N lat is closed to fishing. The DHS state-waters Pacific cod season will open by news release 7 days after closure of the initial federal Pacific cod season for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel less than 60 feet in overall length (OAL) sector.

Vessels 58 feet or less OAL using pot gear may participate in DHS state-waters Pacific cod. Only 60 groundfish pots may be operated by a vessel and buoy identification tags are required. Buoy tags are available for purchase at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Dutch Harbor and Kodiak or from ADF&G staff in Akutan for \$2.00 per tag.

During the DHS state-waters Pacific cod season, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Steller sea lion (SSL) protection measures are in effect. SSL closures are as specified for the Bering Sea in Tables 5 and 12 of 50 CFR part 679, except the SSL haulouts listed in Table 5 for Umnak Island/Cape Aslik at 53° 25.00' N lat, 168° 24.50' W long, Uliaga at 53° 04.00' N lat, 169° 47.00' W long to 53° 05.00' N lat, 169° 46.00' W long, and Kagamil at 53° 02.10' N lat, 169° 41.00' W long are closed to the taking of Pacific cod within three nautical miles. SSL protection measures are also in effect as specified in Table 12 of 50 CFR part 679. SSL protection measures are posted on the NMFS web site at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-679regs> or available from NMFS offices in Alaska.

The DHS is an exclusive registration area. A vessel may not be registered in more than one exclusive registration area during a calendar year. However, a vessel may register for one state-waters Pacific cod exclusive registration area and any nonexclusive state-waters Pacific cod registration area within the same year. For additional information, contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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