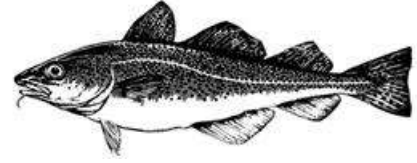


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**Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Pot Gear Season Will Remain Open
During Federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pot Gear Season**

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The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for vessels using pot gear opened March 1, 2016. National Marine Fisheries Service announced reopening of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) pot gear A season effective noon March 12, 2016. The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery will remain open and the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod pot gear fishery (0 to 3 nmi) will remain closed. Only vessels registered for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season may operate pot gear from 0 to 3 nautical miles in the Chignik Area as defined in 5 AAC 28.500.

A vessel may not participate in the Chignik Area state-waters pot gear season and the federal CGOA pot gear season at the same time. While the Chignik Area state-waters (0 to 3 nmi) pot gear season and federal (3 to 200 nmi) CGOA Pacific cod pot gear seasons are open concurrently:

- A vessel's registration for the Chignik Area state-waters season must be invalidated before that vessel may participate in any other Pacific cod season.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered before a vessel may validate or invalidate a state-waters vessel registration.
- A state-waters vessel registration may be validated or invalidated by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For additional information on federal Pacific cod fisheries, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Juneau at (907) 586-7202. For additional information on state-waters Pacific cod fisheries, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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