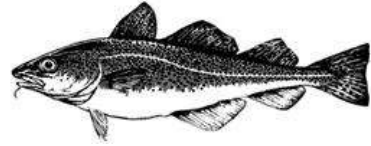


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**Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season  
Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover**

**Emergency Order 4-GF-18-18**

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken on or after August 15 with either pot or jig gear and for gear limits to be removed. Through August 8, 2018, approximately 1.41 million pounds of state-waters Pacific cod has been harvested by vessels using pot gear and no state-waters Pacific cod harvest has occurred with jig gear. Approximately 153,000 pounds of Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHl remains available for harvest.

Effective August 15, 2018, pot or jig gear may be used to harvest the remaining Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHl and gear limits will not be in effect. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHl is achieved or until the fishery closes on December 31, 2018. However, ADF&G may close the state-waters season on or after September 1, 2018 based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining GHl to allow the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod season to open concurrent with the Central and Western Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod B seasons for pot gear.

Fishermen are reminded the Chignik Area is a superexclusive registration area for state-waters Pacific cod. Vessel size is restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length.

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