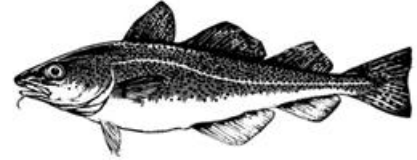


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**2012 SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA STATE-WATERS
PACIFIC COD POT GEAR SEASON OPENING**

The National Weather Service (NWS) marine weather 48-hour forecast for Area 155 issued at 4:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 did not contain gale warnings. Therefore, the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season opening for pot vessels **will open** at 12:00 p.m. (NOON) on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Participants are advised that the master of each vessel is ultimately responsible for the safety of the vessel.

ADF&G will manage the 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod pot season based on inseason reports from participating vessels. Reports will be taken daily starting at 9:00 a.m. by dispatch (7894), phone (907-486-1840), or email (mark.stichert@alaska.gov).

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