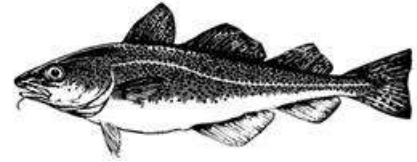


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**SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA 2013
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL**

The 2013 South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 15,586,682 pounds. By regulation, 85 percent of the total GHL is allocated to vessels using pot gear and vessels using mechanical jig or hand troll gear are allocated 15 percent of the total GHL.

<u>Gear Type</u>	<u>GHL (pounds)</u>
Pot	13,248,680
Mechanical Jig/Hand Troll	<u>2,338,002</u>
TOTAL:	15,586,682

The 2013 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot vessels will open on March 7, or seven days after closure of the federal Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later. The 2013 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open on March 15, or 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A-season closes, or later if the federal/parallel jig sector allocation has not been harvested by March 15. If the federal/parallel jig sector A-season has not closed by March 15, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) Pacific cod jig season and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear.

Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery may not exceed 58 feet in overall length. Legal gear is limited to pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll gear. Vessels may not operate more than 60 pots or 5 mechanical jig machines. Vessel operators must obtain a state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration prior to participating in the state-waters fishery. Vessel registration and buoy tags can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor and from local processors in Sand Point and King Cove.

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Buoy identification tags are required for all pot gear. Unlike previous years, **buoy tags must be purchased for the 2013 season and will be available for purchase in person at the ADF&G office in Kodiak for \$1.50 per tag.** Tags will be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service if paid for prior to shipment. Tags may also be purchased from ADF&G representatives in King Cove and Sand Point.

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is an exclusive registration area fishery. Once a vessel is registered for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery that vessel may not register for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod fishery during 2013. Alternatively, if a vessel has registered for an exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod fishery outside of the South Alaska Peninsula Area during 2013, that vessel may not register for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery during 2013.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 486-1840.

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