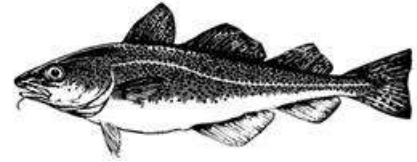


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**CHIGNIK MANAGEMENT AREA 2013
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL**

The 2013 Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 9,507,876 pounds. By regulation, 90 percent of the total GHL is allocated to vessels using pot gear and vessels using mechanical jig or hand troll gear are allocated 10 percent of the total GHL.

<u>Gear Type</u>	<u>GHL (pounds)</u>
Pot	8,557,088
Mechanical Jig/Hand Troll	<u>950,788</u>
TOTAL:	9,507,876

The 2013 Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot vessels will open March 7, or seven days after closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later. The 2013 Chignik Management Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open at 12:01 a.m. March 15.

Vessels participating in the Chignik Management 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 jigging machines. Buoy identification tags are required for all pot gear. 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 Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor, from local processors in Sand Point and the city office in Chignik.

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**

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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 through ADF&G representatives in Sand Point and the city office in Chignik.

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

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

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