

**Regional Information Report No. 4K25-08**

---

---

**Fishery Management Plan for the Aleutian Islands  
Subdistrict State-Waters and Parallel Pacific Cod  
Seasons, 2026**

by

**Asia Beder**

December 2025

---

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Division of Commercial Fisheries



## Symbols and Abbreviations

The following symbols and abbreviations, and others approved for the Système International d'Unités (SI), are used without definition in the following reports by the Divisions of Sport Fish and of Commercial Fisheries: Fishery Manuscripts, Fishery Data Series Reports, Fishery Management Reports, and Special Publications. All others, including deviations from definitions listed below, are noted in the text at first mention, as well as in the titles or footnotes of tables, and in figures or figure captions.

<b>Weights and measures (metric)</b>		<b>General</b>		<b>Mathematics, statistics</b>	
centimeter	cm	Alaska Administrative		<i>all standard mathematical</i>	
deciliter	dL	Code	AAC	<i>signs, symbols and abbreviations</i>	
gram	g	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	alternate hypothesis	H <sub>A</sub>
hectare	ha			base of natural logarithm	e
kilogram	kg			catch per unit effort	CPUE
kilometer	km	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	coefficient of variation	CV
liter	L			common test statistics	(F, t, $\chi^2$ , etc.)
meter	m	at	@	confidence interval	CI
milliliter	mL	compass directions:		correlation coefficient	
millimeter	mm	east	E	(multiple)	R
		north	N	correlation coefficient	
		south	S	(simple)	r
		west	W	covariance	cov
		copyright	©	degree (angular)	°
		corporate suffixes:		degrees of freedom	df
		Company	Co.	expected value	E
		Corporation	Corp.	greater than	>
		Incorporated	Inc.	greater than or equal to	≥
		Limited	Ltd.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
mile	mi	District of Columbia	D.C.	less than	<
nautical mile	nmi	et alii (and others)	et al.	less than or equal to	≤
ounce	oz	et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	logarithm (natural)	ln
pound	lb	exempli gratia	e.g.	logarithm (base 10)	log
quart	qt	(for example)		logarithm (specify base)	log <sub>2</sub> , etc.
yard	yd	Federal Information		minute (angular)	'
		Code	FIC	not significant	NS
		id est (that is)	i.e.	null hypothesis	H <sub>0</sub>
		latitude or longitude	lat or long	percent	%
		monetary symbols		probability	P
		(U.S.)	\$, ¢	probability of a type I error	
		months (tables and figures): first three letters		(rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α
		AC	Jan,...,Dec	probability of a type II error	
		registered trademark	®	(acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β
		trademark	™	second (angular)	"
		United States		standard deviation	SD
		(adjective)	U.S.	standard error	SE
		United States of America (noun)	USA	variance	
		pH	U.S.C.	population	Var
		ppm	U.S. state	sample	var
		ppt,			
		%	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)		
volts	V				
watts	W				

***REGIONAL INFORMATION REPORT NO. 4K25-08***

**FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE AELUTIAN ISLANDS  
SUBDISTRICT STATE-WATERS AND PARALLEL PACIFIC COD  
SEASONS, 2026**

by  
Asia Beder

Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Dutch Harbor

Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Division of Commercial Fisheries  
PO Box 920587, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692

December 2025

The Regional Information Report Series was established in 1987 and was redefined in 2007 to meet the Division of Commercial Fisheries regional need for publishing and archiving information such as area management plans, budgetary information, staff comments and opinions to Alaska Board of Fisheries proposals, interim or preliminary data and grant agency reports, special meeting or minor workshop results and other regional information not generally reported elsewhere. Reports in this series may contain raw data and preliminary results. Reports in this series receive varying degrees of regional, biometric, and editorial review; information in this series may be subsequently finalized and published in a different department reporting series or in the formal literature. Please contact the author or the Division of Commercial Fisheries if in doubt of the level of review or preliminary nature of the data reported. Regional Information Reports are available through the Alaska State Library and on the Internet at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/publications/>.

Product names used in this publication are included for completeness and do not constitute product endorsement. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game does not endorse or recommend any specific company or their products.

*Asia Beder,  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries,  
PO Box 920587, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692, USA*

*This document should be cited as follows:*

*Beder, A. 2025. Fishery management plan for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters and parallel Pacific cod seasons, 2026. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Regional Information Report No. 4K25-08, Kodiak.*

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) administers all programs and activities free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, or disability. The department administers all programs and activities in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

**If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility please write:**

ADF&G ADA Coordinator, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042, Arlington, VA 22203

Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW MS 5230, Washington DC 20240

**The department's ADA Coordinator can be reached via phone at the following numbers:**

(VOICE) 907-465-6077, (Statewide Telecommunication Device for the Deaf) 1-800-478-3648,

(Juneau TDD) 907-465-3646, or (FAX) 907-465-6078

**For information on alternative formats and questions on this publication, please contact:**

ADF&G, Division of Sport Fish, Research and Technical Services, 333 Raspberry Rd, Anchorage AK 99518 (907) 267-2517

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<b>Page</b>
LIST OF FIGURES .....	i
LIST OF APPENDICES .....	ii
ABSTRACT .....	1
INTRODUCTION .....	1
Area Description.....	1
Overview .....	1
Steller Sea Lion Closures During Parallel Season.....	1
Steller Sea Lion Closures During State-waters Season .....	2
Other Closures During Parallel and State-waters Seasons.....	2
Bycatch During Parallel and State-waters Seasons .....	2
PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON.....	2
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD SEASON.....	3
2026 Guideline Harvest Level .....	3
Inseason Openings and Closures, Vessel Lengths, and Gear Types.....	3
Registration Requirements.....	4
Trip Limits.....	5
Catch Reporting.....	5
Buoy Marking Requirements.....	5
Pot Storage Requirements.....	5
Landing Requirements.....	6
Bycatch .....	6
INSEASON ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	6
FIGURES .....	7
APPENDIX A. LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS, BY AGENCY AND LOCATION.....	11
APPENDIX B. COORDINATES FOR ALEUTIAN ISLANDS CORAL HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS.....	13
APPENDIX C. SUMMARY OF SEASONS AND GEAR SIZE.....	15

## LIST OF FIGURES

<b>Figure</b>	<b>Page</b>
1. Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod management area.....	8
2. Aleutian Islands Coral Habitat Protection Areas closed to bottom contact gear.....	9
3. Aleutian Islands Habitat Conservation Area .....	10

## LIST OF APPENDICES

<b>Appendix</b>		<b>Page</b>
A1.	List of fishery contacts by agency and location. ....	12
B1.	Coordinates for the Aleutian Islands Coral Habitat Protection Areas. ....	14
C1.	Summary of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season dates, management actions, and state-waters guideline harvest levels, 2026. ....	16

## ABSTRACT

The Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* season is prosecuted in state waters of the Aleutian Islands District west of 170°W long. Legal gear for the state-waters season includes trawl, pot, longline, mechanical jig, and hand troll gear. The 2026 guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters season is 8,866,000 pounds.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game also manages a parallel Pacific cod season in the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict concurrent with adjacent federal Pacific cod seasons, except when and where a state-waters Pacific cod season is open. Harvest in the parallel season accrues toward the federal Pacific cod total allowable catch.

Keywords: Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*, Aleutian Islands Subdistrict, guideline harvest level, state-waters season, parallel season, Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands

## INTRODUCTION

### AREA DESCRIPTION

The State of Alaska's Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish management area consists of state waters (0–3 nmi) in the Bering Sea and that portion of the North Pacific Ocean adjacent to the Aleutian Islands west of 170° W long.

The Aleutian Islands District (AID) of the BSAI consists of all state waters of Alaska south of the latitude of Cape Sarichef (54°36'N lat). The Aleutian Islands Subdistrict (AIS) consists of state-waters in the AID west of 170°W long. The Adak Section of the AIS consists of state-waters between 175°W long and 178°W long (Figure 1).

### OVERVIEW

Two distinct Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* seasons occur within state waters of the AIS: the parallel Pacific cod season and the state-waters Pacific cod season. The parallel season is prosecuted concurrent with the adjacent federal Pacific cod season that occurs in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ; 3–200 nmi). The parallel season is managed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) by adopting most National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) management measures and inseason management actions. The state-waters Pacific cod season is an open-access fishery managed in state waters (0–3 nmi) exclusively by ADF&G under the *Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan*, 5 AAC 28.647. The purpose of this document is to provide summary fishery management information for the 2026 AIS state-waters and parallel Pacific cod seasons.

### STELLER SEA LION CLOSURES DURING PARALLEL SEASON

During the AIS parallel Pacific cod season outside of the Adak Section (state waters east of 175°W long, and west of 178°W long), ADF&G adopts federal Steller sea lion *Eumetopias jubatus* protection measures for vessels fishing Pacific cod located in Tables 5 and 12 of Title 50, Part 679 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).<sup>1</sup>

Steller sea lion protection measures inside the Adak Section (between 175°W long and 178°W long) are in Table 5 of Title 50, Part 679 of the CFR (69 FR 75865, December 20, 2004), except that the Steller sea lion site at Kanaga/Ship Rock is only closed within 3 nautical miles (5 AAC

---

<sup>1</sup> The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is available online at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=07250bcf11fb8f2d4c2c4f575b62654b&mc=true&r=PART&n=pt50.13.679> (accessed November 24, 2025).

28.087(b)(3)). Additional information on sea lion closures can be found on the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/commercial-fishing/steller-sea-lion-protection-measures>.

## **STELLER SEA LION CLOSURES DURING STATE-WATERS SEASON**

During the 2026 AIS state-waters Pacific cod season, current federal Steller sea lion closures will be in effect, including no-fishing zones, no-transit areas, and the Seguam foraging area, except that the Steller sea lion site at Kanaga/Ship Rock is only closed within 3 nautical miles (5 AAC 28.647(g)(1), (2), and (3)). Descriptions of closures in effect during a state-waters season and their coordinates are located in Tables 5 and 12 of Title 50, Part 679 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).<sup>1</sup>

## **OTHER CLOSURES DURING PARALLEL AND STATE-WATERS SEASONS**

The Aleutian Islands Coral Habitat Protection Areas (coral gardens) and the Aleutian Islands Habitat Conservation Area are in effect in state waters of the AIS (5 AAC 28.647(g)(4) and 5 AAC 39.167(a)(1) and (2); Figures 2 and 3). The coral gardens consist of 6 separate federal protection areas that overlap with state waters (Appendix B1). Each coral garden is closed to commercial fishing with nonpelagic trawl, scallop dredge, dinglebar troll, pot, and longline gear. The Aleutian Islands Habitat Conservation Area applies only to nonpelagic trawl gear. A description of the Aleutian Islands Habitat Conservation Area can be found in Table 24 of Title 50, Part 679 of the CFR.<sup>1</sup>

## **BYCATCH DURING PARALLEL AND STATE-WATERS SEASONS**

During parallel and state-waters Pacific cod seasons, ADF&G adopts NMFS maximum retainable bycatch allowances applicable in the adjacent EEZ for species not actively managed by the State of Alaska. For groundfish species without a specified bycatch limit, up to 20% by weight of the Pacific cod onboard the vessel may be retained. Black rockfish, *Sebastes melanops*, and dark rockfish, *S. ciliatus*, may only be retained up to 20% by weight of the Pacific cod onboard the vessel. Sablefish *Anoplopoma fimbria* bycatch may be retained up to 1% by weight of the Pacific cod onboard the vessel while the directed state-waters sablefish season is open. BSAI retainable bycatch percentages can be found in Table 11 of Title 50, Part 679 of the CFR, updated April 6, 2015.<sup>1</sup>

## **PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON**

At the beginning of each year, ADF&G issues an emergency order opening the parallel groundfish season in state waters to coincide with federal groundfish seasons in adjacent waters of the EEZ. The initial federal Pacific cod season opens January 1 for vessels using fixed gear and January 20 for vessels using trawl gear. When a federal Pacific cod season is open to directed fishing in waters of the EEZ, a concurrent parallel Pacific cod season is open in adjacent state waters, except when and where the state-waters season is open. Beginning January 1, state waters of the Adak Section are closed to the parallel Pacific cod season because the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season is open in state waters.

Unless specifically prohibited by state regulation, the same vessel lengths, gear types, seasons, and bycatch limits in a federal Pacific cod season are allowed in a parallel Pacific cod season. Except for vessels using mechanical jigging machines, all vessels that participate in a parallel Pacific cod season must have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS; 5 AAC 28.087(c)). During a

parallel Pacific cod season in the Adak Section, vessels using longline gear may not be more than 58 feet overall length (OAL; 5 AAC 28.690(c)), and vessels using trawl, pot, and jig gear may be no more than 60 feet OAL (5 AAC 28.087(b)(3)).

Harvesters must possess a 2026 statewide Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim use permit card for the appropriate gear type and vessel length. The State of Alaska does not require harvesters participating in the parallel Pacific cod season to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or Pacific cod gear endorsement administered through the federal License Limitation Program (LLP). However, it is the responsibility of harvesters who possess an FFP to understand applicable federal regulations, including regulations regarding observer coverage and logbook requirements. Harvesters who relinquish possession of an FFP for the parallel season are responsible for understanding federal regulations for the FFP reissue.

Pacific cod harvested during the parallel season accrue toward the federal total allowable catch (TAC). The parallel Pacific cod season closes by sector when the TAC is reached, when the Aleutian Islands subarea TAC for non-CDQ fishing is achieved, or when incidental species allowances are met. For additional information regarding the federal Pacific cod fisheries, contact NMFS (Appendix A1).

## **STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD SEASON**

The state-waters Pacific cod season is managed according to 5 AAC 28.647 *Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan*. The following regulations are in effect for the 2026 season.

### **2026 GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL**

The 2024 and 2025 guideline harvest levels (GHL) for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod were not achieved. Accordingly, the 2026 season GHL will decrease from 35% to 31% of the estimated acceptable biological catch (ABC) of Pacific cod in the federal Aleutian Islands subarea, which is 8,866,000 pounds. The 2026 GHL is not allocated by gear type; however, harvest by pot gear vessels greater than 60 feet in overall length are capped at 25% of the total GHL (2,216,500 pounds), unless harvest restrictions are superseded under 5 AAC 28.647(k).

### **INSEASON OPENINGS AND CLOSURES, VESSEL LENGTHS, AND GEAR TYPES**

Two unique fishery openings guide the AIS state-waters fishery. The GHL is not subdivided across gear types. Therefore, season dates are structured to provide opportunities for different vessel sizes and gear sectors throughout the season (Appendix C1). Notably, the Alaska Board of Fisheries enacted several regulatory changes, effective for the 2023 season, that modified season dates and fishery access for some gear types, particularly trawl gear vessels greater than 60 feet OAL.

The AIS state-waters season opens January 1 in the Adak Section. Harvest in the Adak Section accrues toward the GHL, whereas harvest in state waters outside of the Adak Section will initially be managed under parallel season regulations with harvest accruing toward the federal TAC. When the state-waters season is only open in the Adak Section, vessels using trawl and jig gear must be 60 feet or less OAL, vessels using longline gear must be 58 feet or less OAL, and vessels using pot gear must be 100 feet or less OAL.

All state waters of the AIS (west of 170°W long) will open to the state-waters season 4 days after the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands catcher-vessel greater than or equal to 60 feet OAL

pot gear fishery closes or on February 1, whichever occurs first. When the state-waters season is open in all state waters west of 170°W long., vessels using trawl and jig gear may not exceed 60 feet OAL, vessels using pot gear may not exceed 100 feet OAL, and vessels using longline gear may not exceed 58 feet OAL.

Additionally, if at any time after March 15, ADF&G projects the GHL will not be fully harvested by the regulatory season closure on December 31, state waters of the AIS (west of 170°W long) may open for vessels up to 100 feet OAL using nonpelagic trawl gear and vessels up to 125 feet OAL using pot gear. All inseason management actions will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement.

During the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season, vessels may change their gear registration by contacting ADF&G in Dutch Harbor (Appendix A1); however, vessels may not fish multiple gear types concurrently. Vessels fishing with pot gear may use groundfish pots of any size to take Pacific cod, although pot gear individual tunnel eye openings must be 36 inches in perimeter or less (5 AAC 28.050(e)). All pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape mechanism (5 AAC 39.145), located on a sidewall and placed within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot leaving an opening 18 inches or greater in length that must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated 100% cotton biodegradable twine no larger than 30 thread count.

The AIS state-water Pacific cod season will close when the GHL is achieved or at the regulatory season closure date of December 31, whichever occurs first. For vessels fishing pot gear, at the time of closure, all pots must be empty and in storage condition with all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured fully open. Harvesters are not permitted to pull pots after the time of the closure until their final delivery has been completed (5 AAC 28.647(l)). Vessels fishing other allowable gear types must have all gear out of the water prior to the time of closure.

## **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Harvesters must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the state-waters Pacific cod season. Vessel registration for the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season is exclusive for all gear types. Vessels registered for the 2026 AIS state-waters Pacific cod season may not register for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season during the 2026 calendar year but may participate in a nonexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season in the same calendar year. Conversely, if a vessel has registered for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the AIS during 2026, that vessel may not participate in the 2026 AIS state-waters Pacific cod season. Exclusive registration does not apply to federal or parallel Pacific cod fisheries, but a vessel may not participate in the AIS state-waters season and the parallel season concurrently.

Registrations may be obtained by electronic mail, fax, or in person at ADF&G offices in Dutch Harbor and Kodiak. Harvesters must possess a 2026 CFEC interim use statewide miscellaneous finfish permit card for the appropriate vessel length and gear type prior to registration. Tenders, motherships, and floating processors must also register with ADF&G prior to beginning operations. Contact information for ADF&G offices and CFEC are in Appendix A1.

A vessel registered for the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season must invalidate their registration prior to participating in another Pacific cod season. Harvesters may validate or invalidate vessel registration by contacting ADF&G in Dutch Harbor (Appendix A1) during normal state business

hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). All Pacific cod must be delivered prior to transitioning between state-waters, federal, or parallel seasons (5 AAC 28.647(i)).

Additionally, any time after March 15, if the projected harvest indicates the GHL will not be fully harvested by the regulatory season closure on December 31, exclusive registration requirements may be removed. All inseason management actions will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement.

## **TRIP LIMITS**

During the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season, a vessel may harvest up to 150,000 round pounds of Pacific cod per day and may have no more than 150,000 round pounds of unprocessed Pacific cod on board the vessel at any time. All Pacific cod caught must be retained, and any overage must be reported to ADF&G, with proceeds from the overage forfeited to the state.

Additionally, if at any time after March 15, ADF&G projects the GHL will not be fully harvested by the regulatory season closure on December 31, trip limit requirements may be rescinded. All inseason management actions will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement.

## **CATCH REPORTING**

ADF&G will initially manage the AIS state-waters Pacific cod season using fish ticket information; however, if vessel effort or catch rates warrant, ADF&G may request harvesters to report harvest information weekly or daily. Should ADF&G request harvesters to begin inseason reporting, vessels registered for the fishery will be contacted with a summary of reporting requirements and contact information. Catch reports will be taken by phone (907-581-1239), text/inReach/WhatsApp (907-512-7234), or email ([dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov)), between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM Alaska time daily, and must include the statistical area fished, effort, and pounds of Pacific cod retained during the previous 24-hour period (midnight to midnight). In the absence of reliable inseason harvest information, ADF&G may adopt conservative management measures, which could result in lost fishing opportunity.

## **BUOY MARKING REQUIREMENTS**

Buoys attached to groundfish pots must be marked with the permanent ADF&G vessel number that corresponds to the ADF&G vessel operating that gear (5 AAC 28.629(h)). The buoy containing the 5-digit ADF&G number may not be marked with any additional numbers; however, symbols and letters are acceptable on this buoy. Trailer buoys used to mark ownership or string sequence may be marked with any desired numbers, symbols, or letters.

## **POT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**

All pot gear must be open and unbaited at the time of a parallel or state-waters pot gear season closure. Open and unbaited pots may be stored at any depth for a maximum of 7 days following the closure date. After 7 days, pots must be removed from the water or stored opened and unbaited in waters 25 fathoms or less. During the 7 days immediately prior to the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters season opening, open and unbaited pot gear may be stored at any depth.

When the state-waters season opens, the 60-pot limit is in effect. During the 7 days after the state-waters season opening, a vessel may store or transport pots in excess of the 60-pot limit only if those pots are stored open and unbaited in waters 25 fathoms or less or being transported onboard a vessel. After the 7-day period, registered vessels may not operate more than the maximum

allowable 60 pots for the remainder of the state-waters season. Following closure of the state-waters season, vessel operators may not stack out or move gear into storage while Pacific cod is on board the vessel (5 AAC 28.070(c)(1)).

Contact NOAA Fisheries Enforcement regarding gear storage in federal waters (Appendix A1).

## **LANDING REQUIREMENTS**

Vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod season must deliver their catch within 72 hours after a season closure. Vessels may have Pacific cod onboard after the 72-hour period following a closure only when the vessel has been delayed due to extraordinary circumstances, and the vessel operator has contacted an ADF&G representative within 72 hours following the closure and has been granted additional time (5 AAC 28.681(b)(2)).

## **BYCATCH**

In state waters (0–3 nmi), ADF&G adopts the NMFS maximum retainable bycatch percentages applicable in federal waters (3–200 nmi) for groundfish species that are not actively managed by the State of Alaska. Federal retainable bycatch status is subject to change and may differ between species. Contact NMFS enforcement for current bycatch percentages and status (Appendix A1).

While targeting Pacific cod, vessels may retain lingcod *Ophiodon elongatus*, dark rockfish *Sebastes ciliatus*, and black rockfish *S. melanops* up to 20% by weight of Pacific cod on board the vessel, unless modified by emergency order. Octopus may be retained as bycatch up to 20% by weight of Pacific cod on board the vessel and must be landed on the same miscellaneous finfish card used to deliver Pacific cod (5 AAC 48.417). Contact the ADF&G office in Dutch Harbor regarding retainable bycatch percentages for state-managed species (Appendix A1).

## **INSEASON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Inseason management actions during the state-waters season will be distributed via the ADF&G advisory announcement system (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), relayed through participating processors, and communicated to the fleet during catch reporting. ADF&G will make every effort to provide enough time for harvesters to configure gear for storage or to place gear onboard before a closure; however, the potential exists for short advance notice of a closure.

When possible, weekly nonconfidential harvest updates will be released while the state-waters season is open. These updates can be found inseason on the ADF&G website ([www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaaleutianislands.groundfish#harvest](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaaleutianislands.groundfish#harvest)) or by contacting ADF&G.

## **FIGURES**

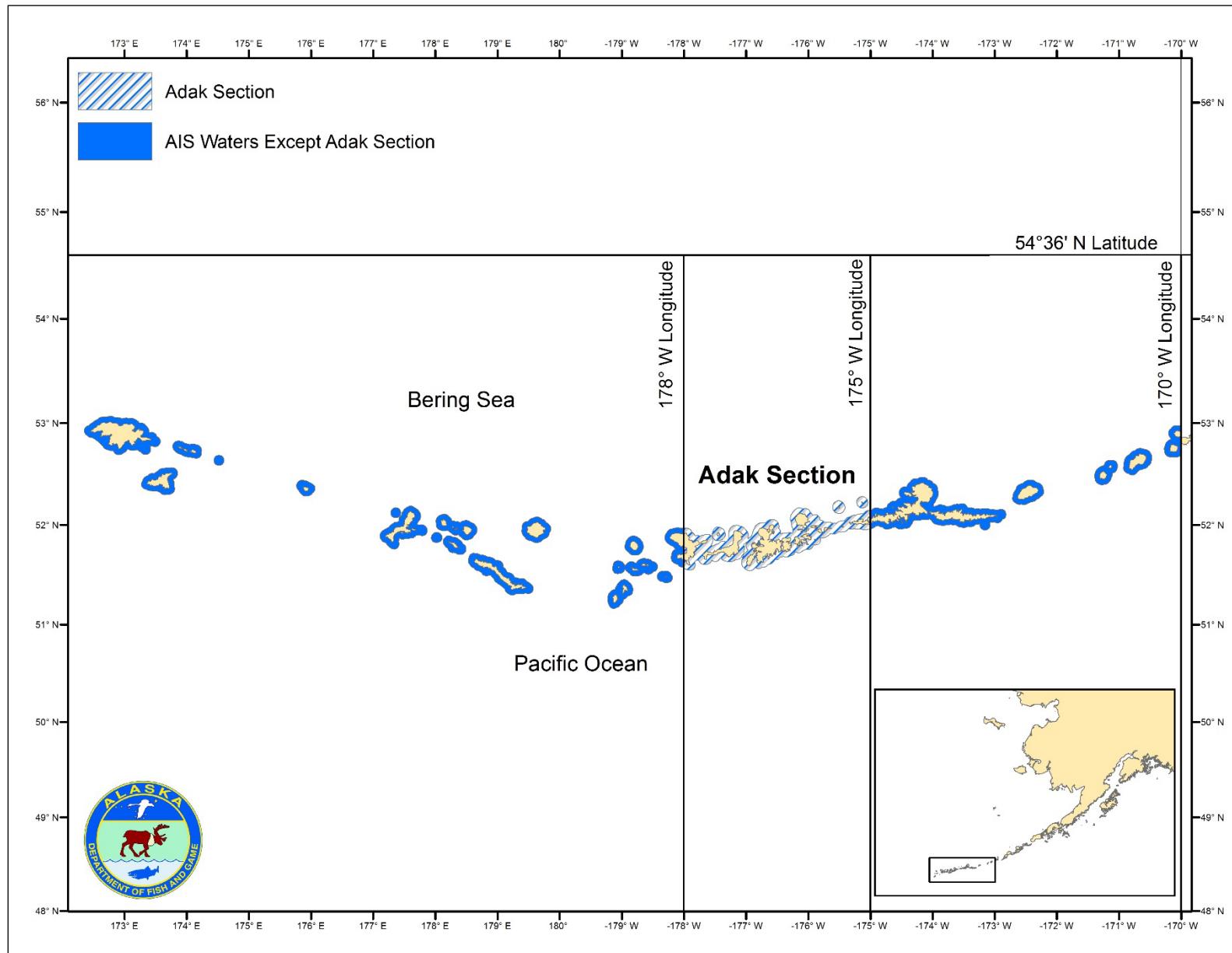


Figure 1.—Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod management area.

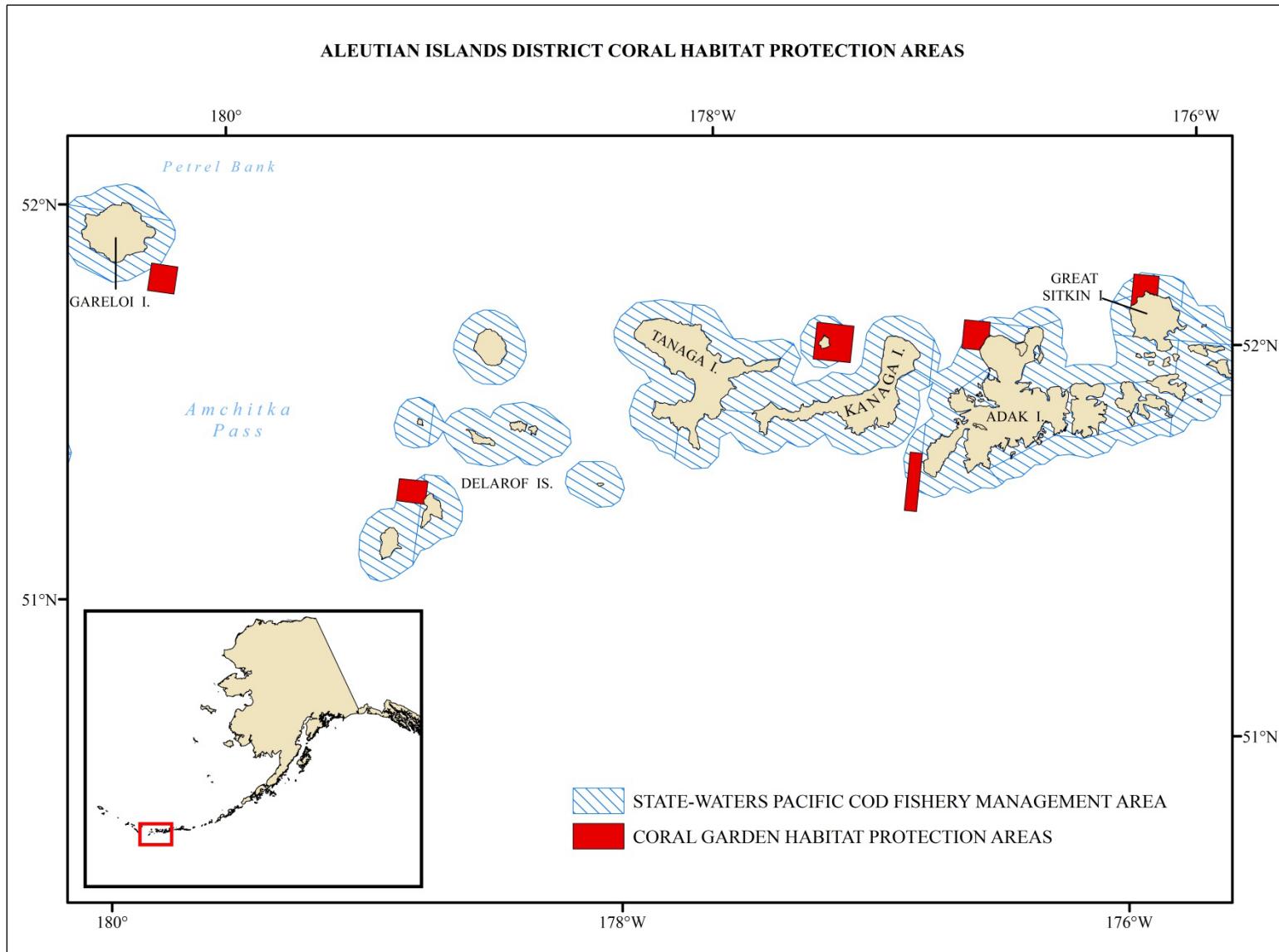


Figure 2.—Aleutian Islands Coral Habitat Protection Areas closed to bottom contact gear.

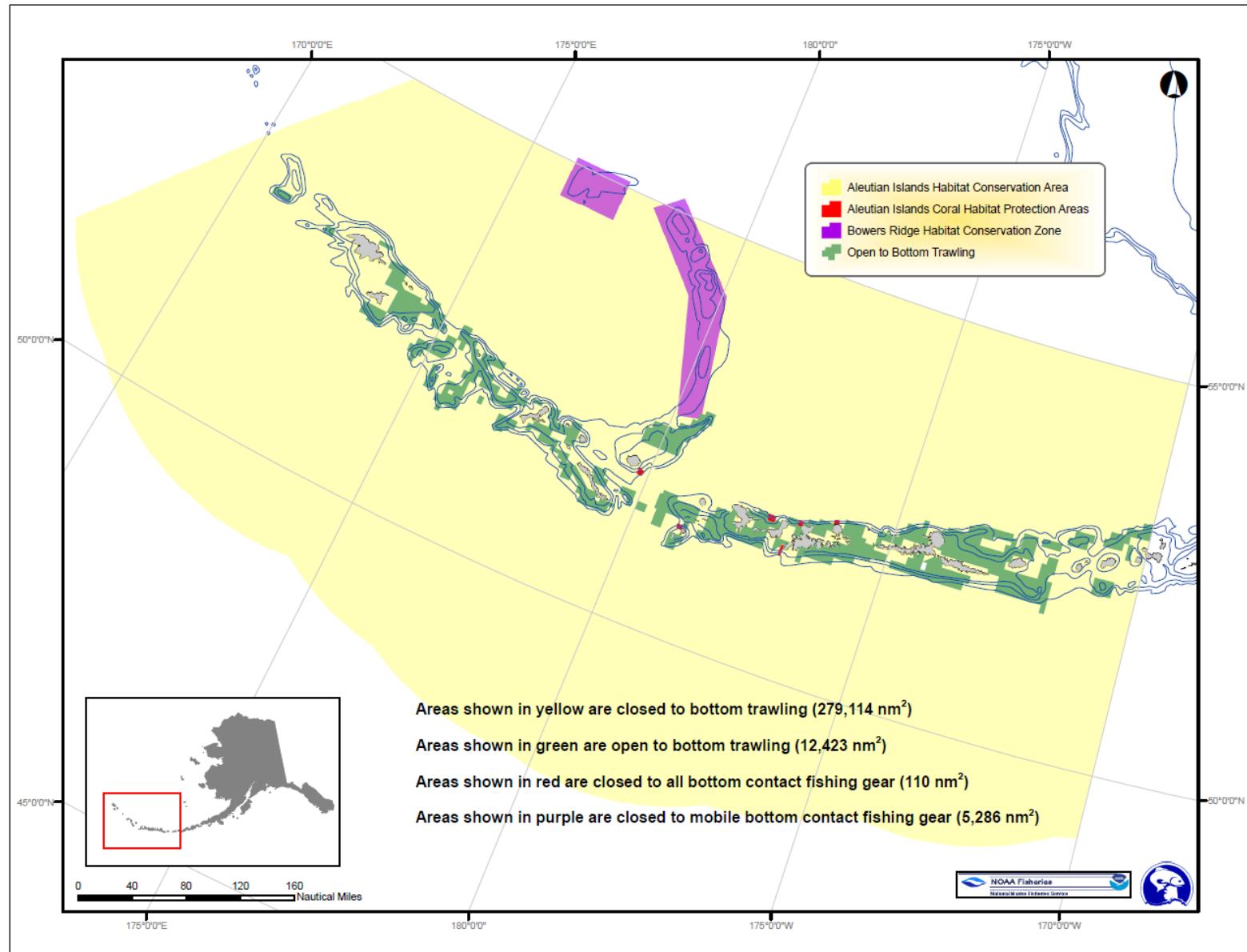


Figure 3.—Aleutian Islands Habitat Conservation Area

**APPENDIX A. LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS, BY  
AGENCY AND LOCATION**

Appendix A1.—List of fishery contacts by agency and location.

<b>Alaska Department of Fish and Game</b>		website: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/</a>
<b><u>Dutch Harbor Office</u></b>		
Mail Address: P.O. Box 920587 Dutch Harbor, Alaska 99692	Physical Address: 2315 Airport Beach Road 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 207 Dutch Harbor, Alaska	Office Phone: (907) 581-1239   Cell: (907) 512-7234 Fax: (907) 581-1572 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov">dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov</a> Dispatch: #1234
Ethan Nichols: Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area Management Biologist Asia Beder: Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Asst. Area Management Biologist		E-mail: <a href="mailto:ethan.nichols@alaska.gov">ethan.nichols@alaska.gov</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:asia.beder@alaska.gov">asia.beder@alaska.gov</a>
<b><u>Kodiak Office</u></b>		
Mail Address: 351 Research Court Kodiak, Alaska 99615	Physical Address: 351 Research Court Kodiak, Alaska	Phone: (907) 486-1840 Fax: (907) 486-1824
Mark Stichert, Regional Groundfish Management Biologist Nat Nichols, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula Area Management Biologist Cassie Whiteside, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula Asst. Area Management Biologist		E-mail: <a href="mailto:mark.stichert@alaska.gov">mark.stichert@alaska.gov</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov">nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov">cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov</a>
<b>Alaska Wildlife Troopers</b>		website: <a href="https://dps.alaska.gov/AWT/Home">https://dps.alaska.gov/AWT/Home</a>
<b><u>Dutch Harbor Office</u></b>		
Mail Address: P.O. Box 920848 Dutch Harbor, Alaska 99692	Physical Address: 2315 Airport Beach Road, Suite 101 Dutch Harbor, Alaska	Phone: (907) 581-1432 Fax: (907) 581-1407
Trooper Jeremiah Baum		E-mail: <a href="mailto:jeremiah.baum@alaska.gov">jeremiah.baum@alaska.gov</a>
<b>Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)</b>		website: <a href="http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/">http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/</a>
Mail Address: P. O. Box 110302 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302	Physical Address: 8800 Glacier Highway #109 Juneau, Alaska	Phone: (907) 789-6150 Fax: (907) 789-6170
<b>National Marine Fisheries Service – Alaska Region</b>		website: <a href="http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska">http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska</a>
<b><u>Sustainable Fisheries Division</u></b>		
Krista Milani, Dutch Harbor Office		Phone: (907) 581-2062
<b><u>NOAA Fisheries Enforcement</u></b>		
Dutch Harbor Office Anchorage Office		Phone: (907) 581-2061 Phone: (907) 586-7225
<b><u>NOAA Observer Program</u></b>		
Dutch Harbor Office Seattle Office		Phone: (907) 581-2060 Phone: (206) 526-4229

## **APPENDIX B. COORDINATES FOR THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS CORAL HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS**



## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

### CLOSED STATE WATERS FOR ALEUTIAN ISLANDS CORAL HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS

State waters of the following 6 coral garden protection areas are closed to commercial fishing using: nonpelagic trawl, scallop dredge, dinglebar troll, longline, and pot gear.

Each closed area is delineated by connecting the coordinates in the order listed by straight lines. The last set of coordinates for each area is connected to the first set of coordinates for the area by a straight line.

	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
Great Sitkin Island	52°09.56'N	176°06.14'W
Great Sitkin Island	52°09.56'N	176°12.44'W
Great Sitkin Island	52°04.69'N	176°12.44'W
Great Sitkin Island	52°06.59'N	176°06.12'W
Cape Moffett Island	52°00.11'N	176°46.65'W
Cape Moffett Island	52°00.10'N	176°53.00'W
Cape Moffett Island	51°55.69'N	176°53.00'W
Cape Moffett Island	51°55.69'N	176°48.59'W
Cape Moffett Island	51°57.96'N	176°46.52'W
Adak Canyon	51°39.00'N	177°00.00'W
Adak Canyon	51°39.00'N	177°03.00'W
Adak Canyon	51°30.00'N	177°03.00'W
Adak Canyon	51°30.00'N	177°00.00'W
Bobrof Island	51°57.35'N	177°19.94'W
Bobrof Island	51°57.36'N	177°29.11'W
Bobrof Island	51°51.65'N	177°29.11'W
Bobrof Island	51°51.71'N	177°19.93'W
Ulak Island	51°25.85'N	178°59.00'W
Ulak Island	51°25.69'N	179°06.00'W
Ulak Island	51°22.28'N	179°06.00'W
Ulak Island	51°22.28'N	178°58.95'W
Semisopochnoi Island	51°53.10'N	179°53.11'E
Semisopochnoi Island	51°53.10'N	179°46.55'E
Semisopochnoi Island	51°48.84'N	179°46.55'E
Semisopochnoi Island	51°48.89'N	179°53.11'E

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

## **APPENDIX C. SUMMARY OF SEASONS AND GEAR SIZE**

Appendix C1.—Summary of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod season dates, management actions, and state-waters guideline harvest levels, 2026.

<b>Pacific Cod Season Opening Dates</b>	<b>Adak Section (state waters between 175° W long and 178° W long)</b>	<b>All state waters west of 170° W long <u>before</u> March 15th</b>	<b>All state waters west of 170° W long <u>after</u> March 15th</b>
<b>Opening Dates</b>	January 1	4 days after closure of the federal BSAI over 60 feet pot gear CV fishery or February 1 <sup>st</sup> , whichever occurs first	Anytime after March 15 <sup>th</sup> by Advisory Announcement
<b>Legal Gear and Vessel Size</b>	Pot Gear $\leq$ 100 feet OAL Jig Gear $\leq$ 60 feet OAL Trawl Gear $\leq$ 60 feet OAL Longline Gear $\leq$ 58 feet OAL	Pot Gear $\leq$ 100 feet OAL Jig Gear $\leq$ 60 feet OAL Trawl Gear $\leq$ 60 feet OAL Longline Gear $\leq$ 58 feet OAL	Pot Gear $\leq$ 125 feet OAL Trawl Gear $\leq$ 100 feet OAL