

# **Fishery Management Plan for the Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season, 2026**

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centimeter	cm	Alaska Administrative Code		all standard mathematical signs, symbols and abbreviations	
deciliter	dL		AAC		
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	<i>e</i>
kilogram	kg	all commonly accepted		catch per unit effort	CPUE
kilometer	km	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 (multiple)	R
millimeter	mm	east	E	correlation coefficient (simple)	r
<b>Weights and measures (English)</b>		north	N	covariance	cov
cubic feet per second	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	south	S	degree (angular)	°
foot	ft	west	W	degrees of freedom	df
gallon	gal	copyright	©	expected value	<i>E</i>
inch	in	corporate suffixes:		greater than	>
mile	mi	Company	Co.	greater than or equal to	≥
nautical mile	nmi	Corporation	Corp.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
ounce	oz	Incorporated	Inc.	less than	<
pound	lb	Limited	Ltd.	less than or equal to	≤
quart	qt	District of Columbia	D.C.	logarithm (natural)	ln
yard	yd	et alii (and others)	et al.	logarithm (base 10)	log
<b>Time and temperature</b>		et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	logarithm (specify base)	log <sub>2</sub> , etc.
day	d	exempli gratia (for example)	e.g.	minute (angular)	'
degrees Celsius	°C	Federal Information Code	FIC	not significant	NS
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	id est (that is)	i.e.	null hypothesis	H <sub>0</sub>
degrees kelvin	K	latitude or longitude	lat or long	percent	%
hour	h	monetary symbols		probability	P
minute	min	(U.S.)	\$, ¢	probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	$\alpha$
second	s	months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan,...,Dec	probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	$\beta$
<b>Physics and chemistry</b>		registered trademark	®	second (angular)	"
all atomic symbols		trademark	™	standard deviation	SD
alternating current	AC	United States (adjective)	U.S.	standard error	SE
ampere	A	United States of America (noun)	USA	variance	
calorie	cal	U.S.C.	United States Code	population sample	Var var
direct current	DC	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)		
hertz	Hz				
horsepower	hp				
hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH				
parts per million	ppm				
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰				
volts	V				
watts	W				

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## ABSTRACT

This document provides an overview of regulations effective for the 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* season. The 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear is scheduled to open 7 days after closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska federal/parallel Pacific cod pot sector A season or March 1, whichever is later. The 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear is scheduled to open by regulation on March 15. Vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod seasons may not exceed 58 feet in length, and legal gear is limited to pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll. No more than 60 groundfish pots or 5 mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel. The 2026 Chignik Area state-waters season Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 3,715,881 pounds. Pot gear vessels are allocated 90% of the total GHL (3,344,293 pounds); jig gear vessels are allocated 10% of the total GHL (371,588 pounds).

Keywords: Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*, Chignik Area, management plan, regulations, jigging machine, pot, guideline harvest level, parallel season, state-waters season

## INTRODUCTION

### AREA DESCRIPTION

The Chignik groundfish registration area consists of all waters on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula enclosed by a line extending south from the Alaska Peninsula near Kilokak Rocks at long 156°20.22'W and a line extending 135° southeast from Kupreanof Point (lat 55°33.98'N, long 159°35.88'W; Figure 1).

### OVERVIEW

Two distinct Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* fisheries occur within state waters (0–3 nmi) of the Chignik Area. The parallel fishery is prosecuted concurrent to the federal Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) Pacific cod fishery and is managed by adopting most National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regulations and management actions. The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is prosecuted independent of the federal/parallel fishery and is managed exclusively by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) under guidelines developed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

## PARALLEL PACIFIC COD FISHERY

When the federal (3–200 nmi) CGOA area is open to directed Pacific cod fishing, ADF&G opens a concurrent parallel fishery inside state waters (0–3 nmi). Unless specifically prohibited, the same gear types in the federal Pacific cod fishery are allowed in the parallel fishery, although nonpelagic trawl vessels are prohibited from fishing inside most state waters in the Chignik Area (5 AAC 39.164(b)(3)). Vessels targeting Pacific cod during the Chignik Area parallel fishery may not exceed 58 feet in overall length (5 AAC 28.537(b)).

Except for vessels using jig gear, all vessels that participate in the parallel Pacific cod fishery must have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS; 5 AAC 28.087(c)). Vessels that fish exclusively in the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod fishery are not required to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or a Pacific cod gear endorsement administered through the federal License Limitation Program (LLP). Vessels with an FFP should be aware of federal regulations regarding observer coverage, catch reporting, Steller sea lion *Eumetopias jubatus* closures, and LLP requirements prior to participating in the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod fishery.

In 2017, the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted a regulation that reduced the waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the Chignik Area Pacific cod parallel fishery. Closed waters

for pot gear vessels participating in the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod fishery were reduced from 20 nmi to 3 nmi in state waters around the Sutwik Island haul out (5 AAC 28.087(b)(4); Figure 2). Only pot gear vessels that *do not* possess an FFP are permitted to fish within this area; pot gear vessels that *do* possess an FFP are still required to observe the federal 20 nmi closure in state waters. All other Steller sea lion restrictions during the Chignik Area parallel fishery match federal management measures.

The parallel Pacific cod fishery is divided into 2 seasons: the A season and B season. The parallel Pacific cod A season opens January 1 for pot, longline, and jig gear sectors. Parallel Pacific cod seasons for pot and longline sectors close when their respective sector harvest allocations are achieved. The parallel Pacific cod A season for the jig gear sector closes when the jig gear sector harvest allocation is achieved, or March 15, whichever is earlier. The parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector B season opens June 10. The parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector B season opens September 1 if the state-waters GHL has been caught. If the state-waters GHL has not been caught by that date, the parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector B season will open 48 hours after the state-waters GHL is caught or on October 30, whichever occurs first. The B season for longline gear opens September 1. The amount of Pacific cod harvested during the parallel fishery is deducted from the federal gear-specific sector harvest allocation. Summaries of federal/parallel season dates by gear type are located in Appendices A1 and A2.

For additional information regarding federal Pacific cod regulations and harvest updates, contact NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division (907-586-7228), NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (907-486-3298), or the NMFS Observer Program (206-526-4229). For other information regarding the parallel fishery, contact ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840; Appendix B1).

## **STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD FISHERY**

### **OVERVIEW**

State-waters (0–3 nmi) Pacific cod fisheries are open access fisheries and are prosecuted independent of federal/parallel fisheries. Regulations pertaining to the Chignik Area Pacific cod fisheries begin on page 67 in the *2025–2026 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations* booklet.<sup>1</sup> ADF&G manages the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season in accordance with the *Chignik Area Pacific Cod Management Plan* (5 AAC 28.537). The following is a summary of important regulations that will govern the 2026 season.

### **2026 GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL**

The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season is based on 8.75% of the CGOA Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for Pacific cod. The 2026 GHL for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is 3,715,881 pounds. By regulation, 90% of the total GHL (3,344,293 pounds) is allocated to pot gear vessels and 10% of the total GHL (371,588 pounds) is allocated to jig gear vessels.

Due to the lapse in federal appropriations during fall 2025, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) may review an updated Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod stock assessment in early 2026. If federal catch limits are revised, ADF&G will issue updated GHLs via the ADF&G

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/cf\\_groundfish\\_regs\\_2025\\_2026.pdf](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/cf_groundfish_regs_2025_2026.pdf) (accessed 11/12/2025)



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## **SEASON DATES AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL ROLLOVER PROVISIONS**

### **Pot Gear**

The 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear will open at 12:01 AM March 1, or 7 days after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The state-waters season for pot gear will close when the Chignik Area Pacific cod pot gear GHL allocation has been harvested.

If a rollover season opens on August 15 (see Guideline Harvest Level Rollover Provisions section below), the state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or October 30, whichever occurs first. Under this scenario, the CGOA parallel Pacific cod pot gear B season will not open concurrent to the federal pot gear B season on September 1. A summary of state-waters and parallel pot gear season dates is located in Appendix A1. Fishery openings and closures may occur at times other than those specified to provide for orderly fisheries.

### **Jig Gear**

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open on March 15 and will close when the mechanical jigging machine and hand troll gear allocation has been harvested. If the CGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A season has not closed by March 15, ADF&G will close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear season and open the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear. A summary of state-waters and parallel jig gear season dates is located in Appendix A2.

If the state-waters jig gear season opens prior to closure of the federal jig gear sector season, the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear season (0–3 nmi) will be prosecuted concurrent to the federal (3–200 nmi) CGOA jig gear sector Pacific cod season. Vessels that participate in the Chignik Area state-waters season will be subject to state fisheries regulations, and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the Chignik Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation. Vessels that participate in the federal CGOA jig gear sector season will be subject to federal fisheries regulations, and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the federal CGOA jig gear sector harvest allocation.

### **Guideline Harvest Level Rollover Provisions**

If a substantial portion of the total state-waters GHL remains unharvested after August 14, the state-waters Pacific cod season may reopen to both pot and jig gear, and gear limit restrictions may be removed. If a substantial portion of the state-waters season GHL remains unharvested after October 30, vessel size restrictions may be removed to facilitate full harvest of the GHL. All actions regarding GHL rollover provisions will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement. A summary of rollover provisions is located in Appendices A1 and A2.

## **VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS**

The Chignik Area is a superexclusive registration area for Pacific cod. Once a vessel is validly registered for the 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season, that vessel may not be used to take Pacific cod in any other state-waters Pacific cod management area during 2026. Conversely, a vessel that has been validly registered for any state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the Chignik Area may not participate in the 2026 Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season. The

Chignik Area superexclusive registration requirements do not apply to any parallel Pacific cod fishery. A 2026 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim-use miscellaneous finfish permit card for the appropriate gear type must be obtained prior to registration. CFEC contact information is provided in Appendix B1.

Tender vessel operators must obtain a tender vessel registration for the state-waters Pacific cod fishery. Tender operators may target Pacific cod with either pot or jig gear while operating as a tender vessel. Separate fish tickets must be completed for fish landed by the tender vessel and for fish taken from other fishing vessels. Tender vessels must use the tLandings application for all groundfish delivered to a tender (5 AAC 39.130(b)).

Pacific cod may not be taken by vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length during the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery unless the vessel size restriction is removed by ADF&G after October 30.

## **LEGAL GEAR, GEAR LIMITS, AND POT BUOY TAGS**

Pot, mechanical jigging machine, and hand troll gear are the only legal gear types during the state-waters Pacific cod fishery. Vessels may not use pot and jig gear at the same time; however, vessel operators may change gear registration by contacting the Kodiak ADF&G office (Appendix B1).

During the state-waters season, groundfish pots of any size may be used to take Pacific cod, although individual tunnel eye openings on pot gear must be 36 inches in perimeter or less. All pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape mechanism (5 AAC 39.145). The biodegradable escape mechanism is an opening 18 inches or greater in length placed within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot and secured closed by a single length of untreated, 100% cotton twine no larger than 30 thread count. No more than 60 groundfish pots may be operated from a vessel unless the pot limit has been rescinded by ADF&G emergency order after August 14.

Buoy tags are required for pot gear when the 60-pot limit is in effect (5 AAC 28.050(f)). Tags must be placed on the main or trailer buoy, and buoy tags can be purchased at a cost of \$1.50 per tag at the ADF&G office in Kodiak or via phone or fax (Appendix B1). Upon request, buoy tags may be mailed to individuals through the U.S. Postal Service. A valid 2026 CFEC interim-use miscellaneous finfish permit card for pot gear is required to receive tags. If buoy tags are lost during the season, replacement tags may be obtained by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak. The vessel owner, operator, or agent must complete and submit an affidavit form to ADF&G detailing the unique number of each lost tag. Pots with lost tags may remain in the water, but those pots must be secured open with bait and bait containers removed until replacement tags are attached.

Vessels using mechanical jigging machines are restricted to using no more than 5 machines unless the gear limits have been rescinded by ADF&G after August 14. Each of the 5 permissible lines may have no more than 30 hooks. There are no limits on the amount of hand troll gear that may be operated from a vessel. Jig gear vessel operators may use both hand troll and mechanical jigging gear at the same time; however, separate CFEC permit cards and fish tickets are required for each gear type at the time of landing.

## **POT BUOY MARKING REQUIREMENTS**

Buoys attached to groundfish pots must be marked with the permanent ADF&G number of the vessel operating that gear on the top one-half of the buoy in numerals at least 4 inches high, ½ inch wide, and in a color that contrasts with the buoy (5 AAC 28.050). The buoy containing the

permanent ADF&G number may not be marked with any additional numbers; however, symbols and letters are acceptable. Trailer buoys used to mark ownership or string sequence may be marked with any desired numbers, symbols, or letters.

## **POT STORAGE AND GEAR CONFIGURATION**

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 Chignik Area 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 NMFS Enforcement regarding gear storage in federal waters (Appendix B1).

## **LANDING REQUIREMENTS**

Vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod season are required to deliver their catch within 48 hours after a closure unless 1) cod were harvested as allowable bycatch in another directed fishery, or 2) the vessel is delayed due to extraordinary circumstances and the vessel operator has contacted an ADF&G representative within 48 hours following the closure and has been granted additional time to reach the port of landing (5 AAC 28.541).

## **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 in Kodiak for current bycatch percentages and status (Appendix B1).

While targeting Pacific cod, vessels may retain lingcod *Ophiodon elongatus* and dark rockfish *Sebastes ciliatus* up to 20% by weight of Pacific cod on board the vessel, and black rockfish *S. melanops* up to 5% by weight of Pacific cod on board the vessel, unless modified by emergency order. Lingcod *Ophiodon elongatus* may only be retained from July 1 to December 31 and must be 35 inches or greater in length from tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. 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 38.417(2)). Jig gear vessels concurrently registered for a Chignik Area Pacific cod season and the Chignik Area directed black rockfish season may retain black rockfish in excess of the 5% bycatch limit when the Chignik Area directed black rockfish season is open to commercial fishing. Contact the ADF&G office in Kodiak (907-486-1840) regarding retainable bycatch percentages for state-managed species.

## **CATCH REPORTING**

ADF&G will manage the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season using inseason catch reports provided by vessel operators. Vessel operators using pot gear are encouraged to report daily the harvest location, number of pot lifts, and pounds of Pacific cod retained in the previous 24-hour period (midnight to midnight). Inseason catch reports allow ADF&G to consider how changes in effort, fleet behavior, tides, and weather influence harvest rates. Catch reports will be taken by phone (907-486-1840), text/inReach/WhatsApp (907-512-5423), or email ([cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov](mailto:cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov)). Reporting worksheets will be issued to vessel operators during registration.

Reports will be taken daily between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

## **CONCURRENT FISHERIES**

When the Chignik Area state-waters and federal Pacific cod seasons are open concurrently for the same gear type:

- vessels may not simultaneously participate in the Chignik Area state-waters season and any other Pacific cod season;
- vessel operators registered for the state-waters season must invalidate their ADF&G Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod registration prior to participating in a federal Pacific cod season;
- vessel operators participating in a federal Pacific cod season must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season;
- all Pacific cod must be delivered prior to validating or invalidating a Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod registration; and
- vessel operators may validate or invalidate vessel registrations by contacting an ADF&G representative in Kodiak (907-486-1840) during normal state business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM).

## **INSEASON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All actions pertaining to regulatory changes in the state-waters season will be communicated to the fleet by text, distributed via the ADF&G advisory announcement email subscription service (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and relayed through participating processors. ADF&G will make every effort to provide sufficient advance notice prior to a closure; however, the potential exists for a short advance notice closure.

A weekly harvest update will be distributed each Monday while the state-waters season is open. Weekly harvest updates are available on the ADF&G website at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.groundfish#harvest> or from the ADF&G groundfish management office in Kodiak.

## **FIGURES**

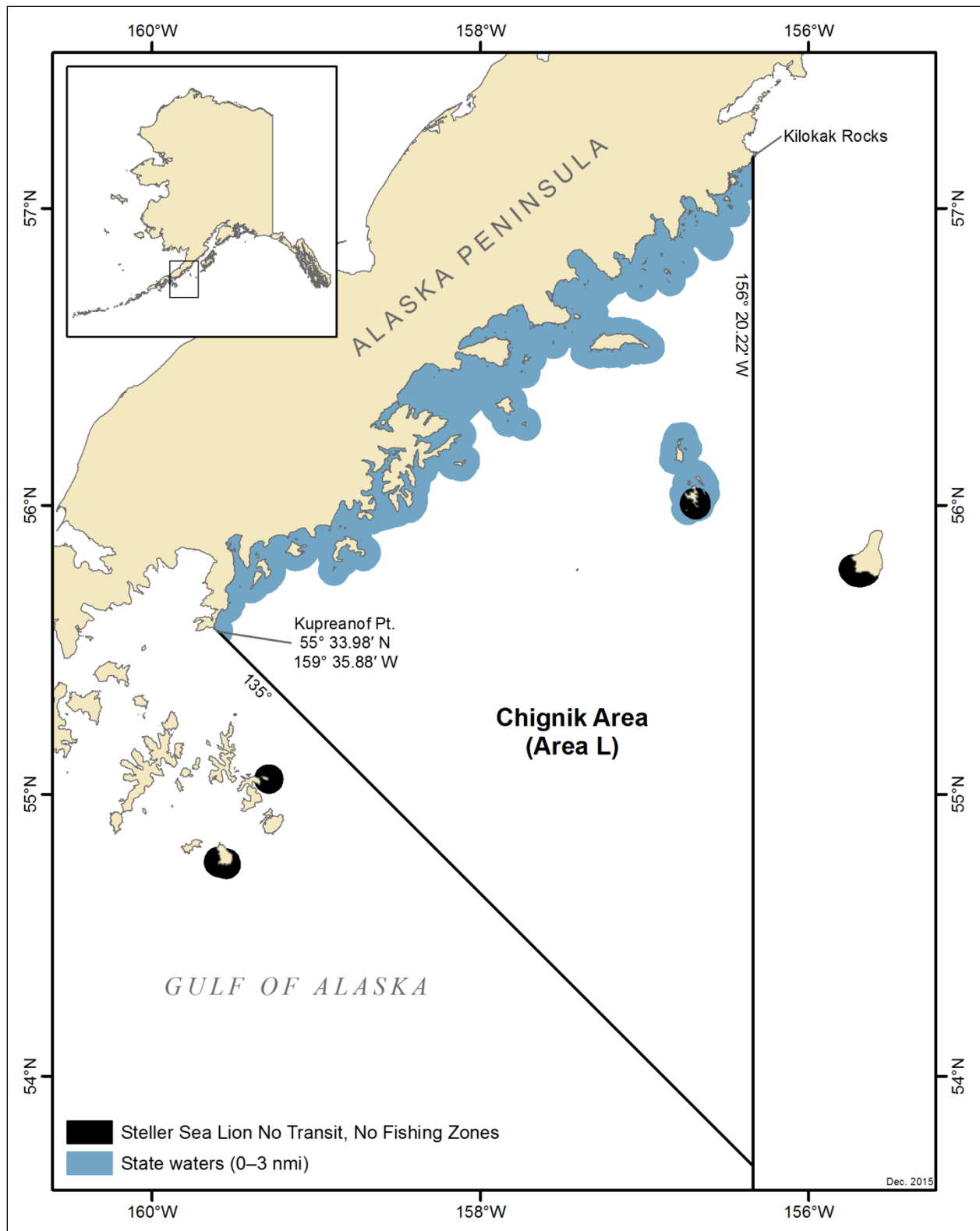


Figure 1.—Chignik Area boundaries and Stellar sea lion no transit/no fishing zones for state-waters Pacific cod fisheries.

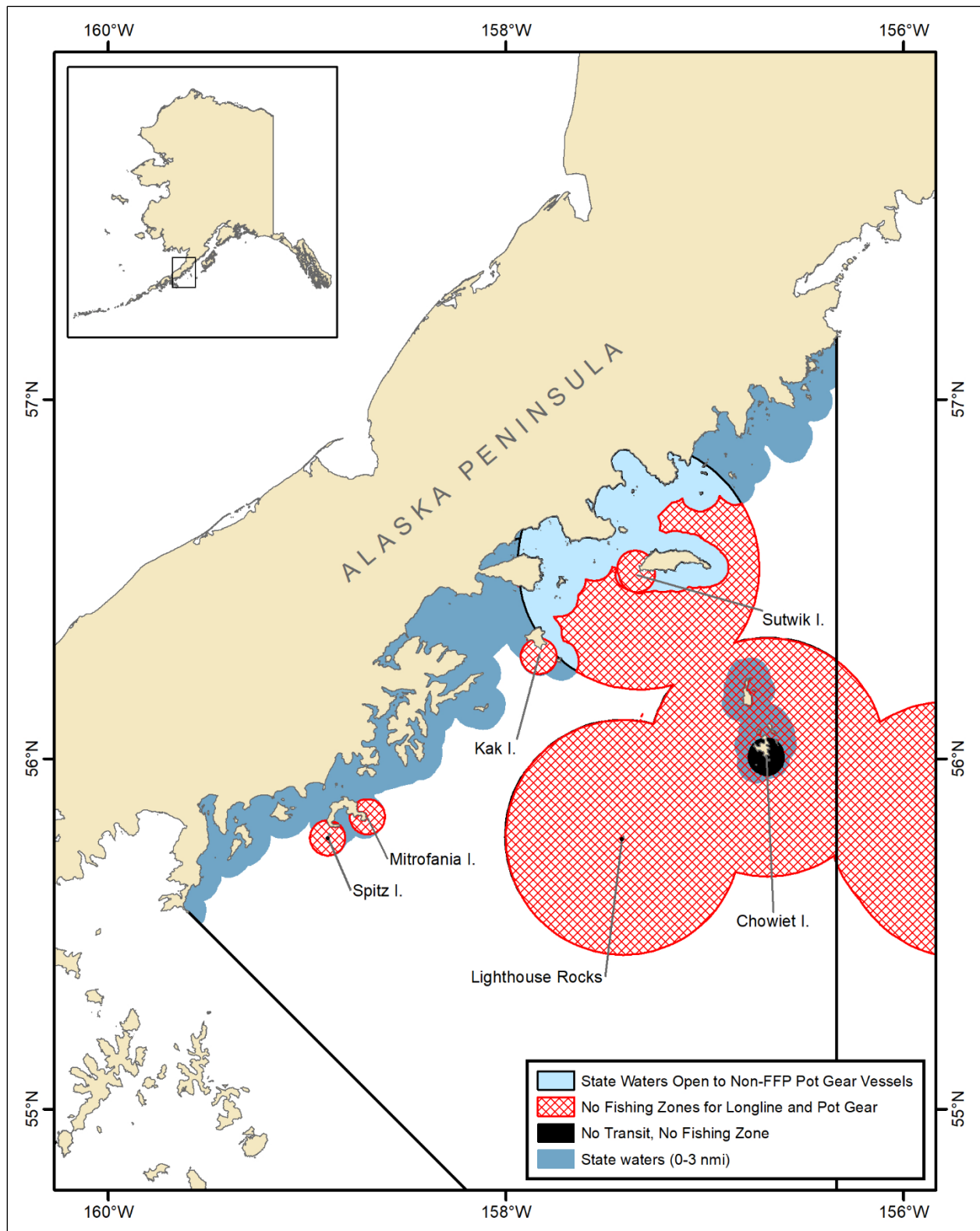


Figure 2.—Chignik Area boundaries and Steller sea lion restrictions for parallel Pacific cod fisheries.





## **APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF DATES AND STATE- WATERS GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS**

Appendix A1.— Summary of Westward Region parallel and state-waters Pacific cod season dates and state-waters guideline harvest levels for pot gear, 2026.

<b>Pacific Cod Season Dates</b>	<b>Kodiak Area</b>	<b>Chignik Area</b>	<b>South Alaska Peninsula Area</b>	<b>Dutch Harbor Subdistrict</b>	<b>Aleutian Islands Subdistrict</b>
<b>Federal/Parallel A Season</b>	January 1	January 1	January 1	January 1	January 1 (outside Adak Section)
<b>State-Waters GHL Season</b>	7 days after CGOA pot gear A-season closure	March 1 or 7 days after CGOA pot gear A-season closure, whichever is later	March 7 or 7 days after WGOA pot gear A-season closure, whichever is later	7 days after BSAI HAL/pot gear CV <60ft A-season closure	<u>Adak Section:</u> January 1 <u>Entire AIS:</u> 4 days after BSAI pot gear CV >60 ft A-season closure or February 1, whichever occurs first
<b>Federal/Parallel B Season</b>	September 1	September 1 <sup>a</sup>	September 1	N/A <sup>b</sup>	N/A <sup>b</sup>
<b>State-Waters GHL Rollover</b>	April 1 or After CGOA pot gear B-season closure	August 14 <sup>c</sup>	After WGOA pot gear B-season closure	N/A	N/A
<b>Vessel Size Limit<sup>c</sup></b>	N/A	October 30	October 30	October 1	March 15
<b>Gear Limit<sup>c</sup></b>	September 1	August 14	October 30	October 1	N/A
<b>Exclusivity<sup>c</sup></b>	October 30	N/A	October 30	October 1	March 15
<b>State-Waters Pot Gear GHL Allocation</b>	<b>2,654,201</b>	<b>3,344,293</b>	<b>5,366,316</b>	<b>40,559,000</b>	<b>8,866,000<sup>d</sup></b>

Notes: CGOA = Federal Central Gulf of Alaska Management Area; WGOA = Federal Western Gulf of Alaska Management Area; AIS = Aleutian Islands Subdistrict; DHS = Dutch Harbor Subdistrict; BSAI = Federal Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Management Area; HAL = hook and line; CV = catcher vessel; GHL = Guideline Harvest Level

<sup>a</sup> If the state-waters GHL has not been achieved by September 1, the parallel B season will open 48 hours after the state-waters GHL is achieved or on October 30, whichever occurs first, and depending on ADF&G's ability to provide for orderly fisheries based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining state-waters pot gear GHL.

<sup>b</sup> The BSAI HAL/pot gear CV <60 ft sector does not have a B season allowance; however, federal quota is frequently reallocated to this sector for additional fishing opportunity.

<sup>c</sup> A management action may occur after this date to change a GHL allocation or remove vessel size limit, gear limit, harvest cap, or exclusivity restriction, as applicable.

<sup>d</sup> There are no GHL allocations by gear type in AIS; however, harvest by pot gear vessels greater than 60 ft are capped at 25% of the total GHL unless management action occurs after March 15.

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Appendix A2.– Summary of Westward Region parallel and state-waters Pacific cod season dates and state-waters guideline harvest levels for jig gear, 2026.

<b>Pacific Cod Season Dates</b>	<b>Kodiak Area</b>	<b>Chignik Area</b>	<b>South Alaska Peninsula Area</b>	<b>Dutch Harbor Subdistrict</b>	<b>Aleutian Islands Subdistrict</b>
<b>Federal/Parallel A Season</b>	48 hours after state-waters jig gear season closure	January 1	January 1	January 1	January 1 (outside Adak Section)
<b>State-Waters GHL Season</b>	January 1	March 15	48 hours after WGOA jig gear A-season closure <sup>a</sup>	May 1	<u>Adak Section:</u> January 1 <u>Entire AIS:</u> 4 days after BSAI pot gear CV >60 ft A-season closure or February 1, whichever occurs first
<b>Federal/Parallel B Season</b>	June 10	June 10	June 10	April 30 <sup>b</sup>	April 30 <sup>b</sup>
<b>State-Waters GHL Rollover</b>	April 1 or After CGOA pot gear B-season closure	August 14 <sup>c</sup>	After WGOA pot gear B-season closure	N/A	N/A
<b>Vessel Size Limit<sup>c</sup></b>	N/A	October 30	October 30	October 1	March 15
<b>Gear Limit<sup>c</sup></b>	September 1	August 14	October 30	October 1	N/A
<b>Exclusivity<sup>c</sup></b>	June 10	N/A	October 30	October 1	March 15
<b>State-Waters Jig Gear GHL Allocation</b>	<b>2,654,201</b>	<b>371,588</b>	<b>946,997</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>8,866,000<sup>d</sup></b>

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<sup>a</sup> If the WGOA federal/parallel A-season jig sector harvest allocation has not been achieved by March 15, the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A season may close and the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters season for jig gear may open on March 15 or later depending on ADF&G's ability to provide for orderly fisheries based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining federal jig quota.

<sup>b</sup> The BSAI also has a federal/parallel C season for jig gear which opens August 31.

<sup>c</sup> A management action may occur after this date to change a GHL allocation or remove vessel size limit, gear limit, harvest cap, or exclusivity restriction, as applicable.

<sup>d</sup> There are no GHL allocations by gear type in AIS; however harvest by pot gear vessels greater than 60 ft are capped at 25% of the total GHL unless management action occurs after March 15.

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## **APPENDIX B: LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS BY AGENCY AND LOCATION**

Appendix B1.—List of fishery contacts, by agency and location.

<b>ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME</b>		website: <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByArea.southwest">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByArea.southwest</a>	
<b><u>Kodiak Office</u></b>			
Mail address:	351 Research Court Kodiak, Alaska 99615	Physical address:	351 Research Court 2nd floor, Kodiak, Alaska
			Phone: (907) 486-1840 Text/inReach/WhatsApp: (907) 512-5423 Fax: (907) 486-1824
Nat Nichols	Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula Area Shellfish/Groundfish Biologist		<a href="mailto:nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov">nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov</a>
Cassie Whiteside	Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula Assistant Area Shellfish/Groundfish Biologist		<a href="mailto:cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov">cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov</a>
Mark Stichert	Westward Region Shellfish/Groundfish Management Coordinator		<a href="mailto:mark.stichert@alaska.gov">mark.stichert@alaska.gov</a>
<b><u>Dutch Harbor Office</u></b>			
Mail address:	P.O. Box 920587 Dutch Harbor, Alaska 99692	Physical address:	F.T.S. building, 2nd floor Airport Beach Road, Dutch Harbor
			Phone: (907) 581-1239 Fax: (907) 581-1572
<b>DIVISION OF ALASKA WILDLIFE TROOPERS</b>		website: <a href="https://dps.alaska.gov/awt/home">https://dps.alaska.gov/awt/home</a>	
<b><u>Kodiak Office</u></b>			
Mail address:	2921 A Mill Bay Road Kodiak, Alaska 99615	Physical address:	2921 A Mill Bay Road Kodiak, Alaska
			Phone: (907) 486-4762 Fax: (907) 486-5480
Joshua Boyle, Sergeant			<a href="mailto:joshua.boyle@alaska.gov">joshua.boyle@alaska.gov</a>
<b>COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION</b>		website: <a href="https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/">https://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="https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska">https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska</a>	
<b><u>Sustainable Fisheries Division</u></b>			
Juneau Office		Phone: (907) 586-7228	
Dutch Harbor Office		Phone: (907) 581-2062	
<b><u>NOAA Fisheries Enforcement</u></b>			
Kodiak Office		Phone: (907) 486-3298	
Dutch Harbor Office		Phone: (907) 581-2061	
<b><u>NOAA Observer Program</u></b>			
Kodiak Office		Phone: (907) 481-1770	
Seattle Office		Phone: (206) 526-4229	