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Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2026 State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates

The Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2026 state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHLs) are as follows:

Management area	Gear type	GHL (pounds)
Kodiak	Pot	2,654,201
	Jig	2,654,201
	Total	5,308,402
Chignik	Pot	3,344,293
	Jig	371,588
	Total	3,715,881
South Alaska Peninsula	Pot	5,366,316
	Jig	946,997
	Total	6,313,313

Kodiak Area: The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open seven days after closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season. The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2026. Vessels of any size may participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery. Pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length are limited to harvesting no more than 25 percent of the total GHL (1,327,100 pounds).

Chignik Area: The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. March 1, 2026 or seven days after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. March 15, 2026. Vessels participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery may not exceed 58 feet in overall length.

South Alaska Peninsula Area: The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at 12:00 noon March 7, 2026 or seven days after closure of the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The season opening date for pot gear may be delayed due to weather based on criteria found in (5 AAC 28.577(l)). The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear season will open 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A season closes.

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However, if the federal/parallel jig gear sector has not closed by March 15, 2026, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A season and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season based on assessment of federal jig effort, harvest rates, and remaining quota. Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery may not exceed 58 feet in overall length.

Tender Vessels: Tender vessel operators must obtain a tender vessel registration for the state-waters Pacific cod fisheries and must use the tLandings electronic reporting application for groundfish delivered to a tender vessel (5 AAC 28.033(a) and 5 AAC 39.130(b)).

2026 Pacific Cod GHs: 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 GHs in a subsequent advisory announcement.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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