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Revised 2026 Cook Inlet State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels

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Due to the lapse in federal appropriations during fall 2025, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's review of an updated Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod stock assessment for 2026 was delayed; review is now complete and state-waters Pacific cod GHGs have been revised to reflect the updated assessment.

The revised 2026 Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHL) resulted in an increase to 2,375,371 pounds, of which 85% may be harvested from pot vessels and 15% from jig vessels. Harvest from pot vessels greater than 58 feet in length is limited to 593,843 pounds, 25% of the GHL.

If a state-waters (0–3 nmi) Pacific cod fishery and a federal (3–200 nmi) Pacific cod fishery are open concurrently:

- Only vessels registered for the state-waters fishery may target Pacific cod in state waters.
- A vessel may not participate in a state-waters Pacific cod fishery and a federal Pacific cod fishery at the same time.
- A vessel's state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration must be invalidated before that vessel may participate in a federal Pacific cod fishery.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered before a vessel may validate or invalidate a state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration.
- A state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration may be validated or invalidated by contacting ADF&G in Homer during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday).

For more information, contact ADF&G in Homer at (907) 235-8190.

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