

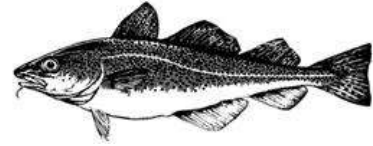
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#### **Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2018 State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates**

The Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula 2018 state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest levels (GHLs) are as follows:

Management area	Gear type	GHL (pounds)
<b>Kodiak</b>	Pot	1,118,559
	Jig	1,118,559
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,237,118</b>
<b>Chignik</b>	Pot	1,409,384
	Jig	156,598
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,565,982</b>
<b>South Alaska Peninsula</b>	Pot	4,543,482
	Jig	801,791
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,345,273</b>

**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 48 hours after closure of the CGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector A season. However, if the federal/parallel jig gear sector has not closed by March 15, 2018 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A season and open the

Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season based on assessment of federal jig effort, harvest rates, and remaining quota.

Vessels of any size may participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season. Pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length are limited to harvesting no more than 25 percent of the total GHL (559,279 pounds).

**Chignik Area:** The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. March 1, 2018 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 by regulation on March 15, 2018. Vessels participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season 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 noon March 7, 2018 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 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear season will open 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A season closes. However, if the federal/parallel jig sector has not closed by March 15, 2018, 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. The season opening date for both gear types may be delayed due to weather based on criteria found in (5 AAC 28.577(l)). Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season 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 to report all groundfish delivered to a tender vessel (5 AAC 28.033(a) and 5 AAC 39.130(b)).

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

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