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2020 South Alaska Peninsula Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates

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The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 2.12 million pounds. Pot vessels are allocated 85% of the GHL (1.81 million pounds) and jig vessels are allocated 15% of the GHL (319,000 pounds). The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2020. The pot gear season will open at 12:00 noon March 7, 2020, unless delayed by weather. If the National Weather Service marine forecast for Area PKZ155 issued at 4:00 a.m. on March 7, 2020 contains gale warnings for that day or night or the following day, the season opening will be delayed 24 hours. Weather delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis for seven days, after which the season will open regardless of the weather forecast.

Pot gear vessels may not operate more than 60 groundfish pots and buoy tags are required for all pot gear. During the seven days prior to the state-waters season opening, open and unbaited groundfish pots may be stored on the fishing grounds at any depth but may not be baited until the state-waters pot gear season opens.

Jig gear vessels may not operate more than 5 mechanical jigging machines with a maximum of 30 hooks per line.

Vessels participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not exceed 58 feet in overall length. Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for pot or jig gear from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season. Vessel registration and buoy tags are available at ADF&G in Kodiak, the False Pass City Office, Peter Pan Seafoods in King Cove, and in Sand Point (location to be determined).

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 (907) 486-1840.

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