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Advisory Announcement

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2020 Gulf of Alaska State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Levels and Season Dates

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is announcing guideline harvest levels (GHLs) and season dates for 2020 state-waters Pacific cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska. State-waters GHLs are based on a 35% reduction from the maximum prescribed harvest limits in regulation. This GHL reduction will provide the opportunity for limited fisheries in state waters while recognizing the need for conservative fishery management at current Pacific cod stock levels. The 2020 federal/parallel fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska are closed and 2020 state-waters season opening dates are coordinated with the federal closure to allow for orderly and manageable fisheries.

In deciding to proceed with a state fishery Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy stated “I recognize the balance between conservation and opportunity to fish. I trust ADF&G to closely monitor and manage each state-waters fishery conservatively to avoid overharvest yet provide our fishermen the opportunity to fish and our coastal communities needed tax revenues.” All Steller sea lion restrictions applicable to state-waters fisheries will be in effect. Detailed information for each fishery will be provided in subsequent Advisory Announcements.

2020 Gulf of Alaska state-waters GHLs and season dates

Management Area	Gear Type	GHL (pounds)	Season Opening
Prince William Sound	Jig/Pot	65,614	February 1
	Longline	371,811	February 1
	Total	437,425	
Cook Inlet	Jig	68,177	January 1
	Pot	386,336	February 1
	Total	454,513	
Kodiak	Jig	757,522	January 1
	Pot	757,522	February 24
	Total	1,515,044	
Chignik	Jig	106,053	January 1
	Pot	954,478	March 1
	Total	1,060,531	
South Alaska Peninsula	Jig	318,686	January 1
	Pot	1,805,887	March 7
	Total	2,124,573	
Total		5,592,086	

For more information on Kodiak, Chignik, or South Alaska Peninsula Area fisheries call the ADF&G Kodiak office at 907-486-1840. For information on Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet call the ADF&G Homer office at 907-235-8191.