



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
REPORT TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Fisheries managed by the State of Alaska since the last Council report includes those for crab and groundfish.

**Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab**

The 2013/14 Area O (Aleutian Islands) commercial golden king crab fishery opened August 15, 2013. The total allowable catch (TAC) is set at 6.29 million pounds by regulation and is apportioned east and west of 174° W long; the eastern TAC is 3.31 million pounds and the western TAC is 2.98 million pounds. Ten percent of each TAC is allocated to the CDQ (eastern) and Adak Community Allocation (ACA-western) fisheries. Total TAC has now been achieved in both the eastern and western fisheries.

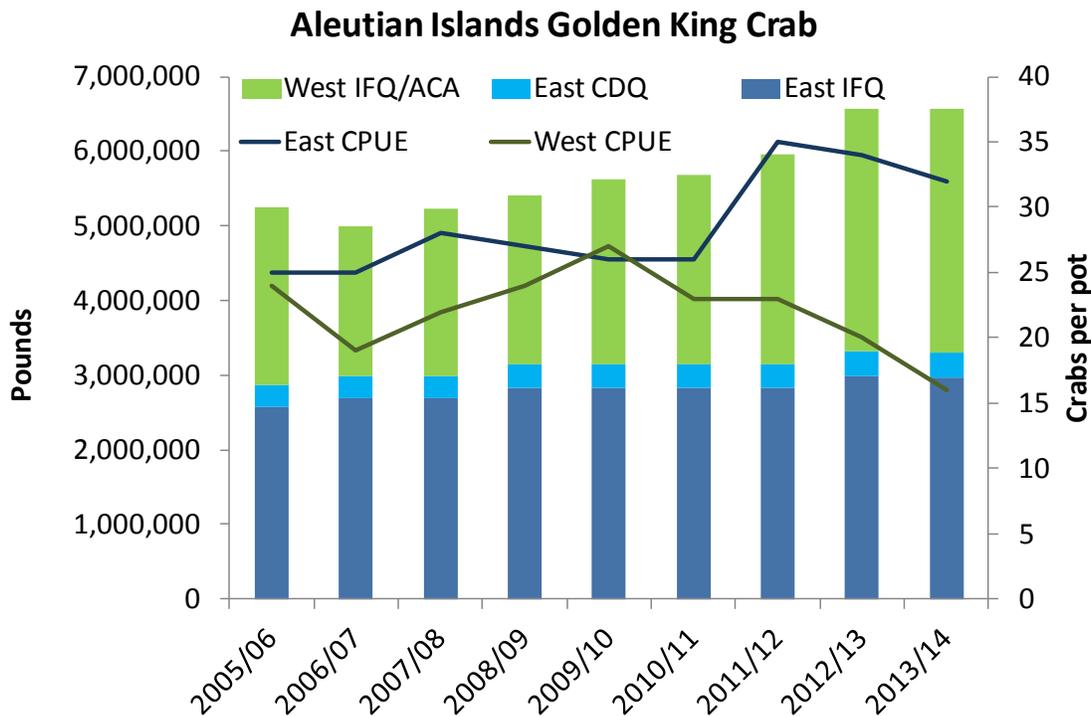


Figure 1. Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest by area, 2005/06 – 2013/14.

**Bering Sea Snow Crab**

The 2013/14 Bering Sea snow crab TAC is 53.98 million pounds. Ten percent of the TAC is allocated to the CDQ fishery. The fishery opened on October 15, 2013 and closed in early May once the total TAC was achieved. A total of sixty-nine vessels participated this season and catch rates were down slightly to 180 crabs per pot.

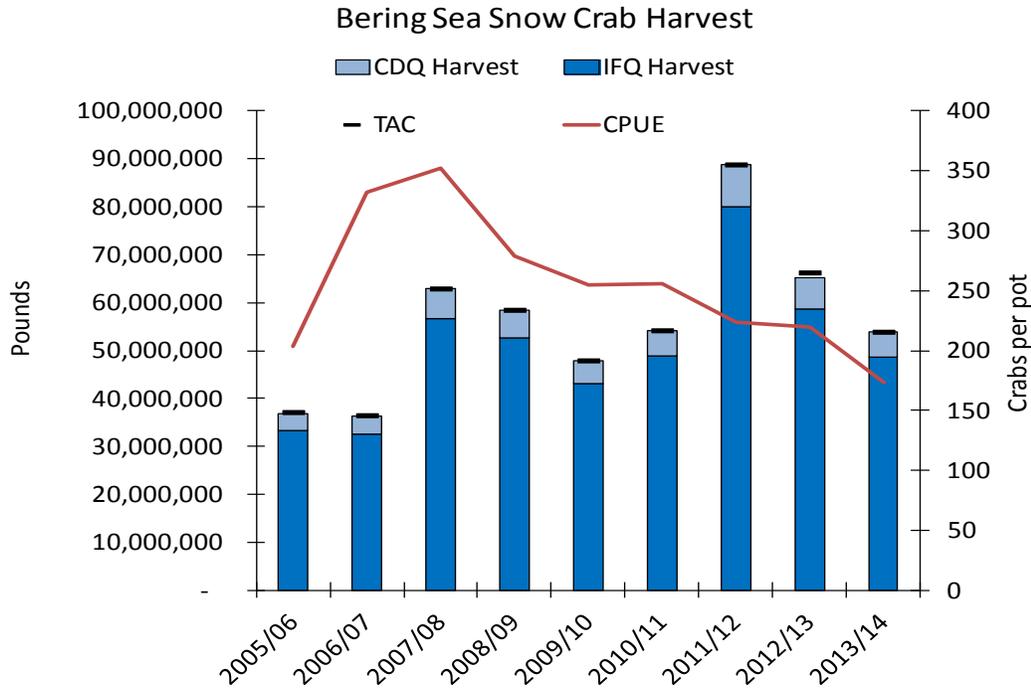


Figure 2. Bering Sea snow crab harvest, 2005 – 2013/14.

**Central Region Pacific Cod  
Cook Inlet**

The state-waters jig and pot seasons open 24 hours after the closure of their respective CGOA federal A-season jig and pot sector fisheries. The 2014 GHL is 4.39 million pounds and is calculated as 3.75 percent of the ABC for the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area. The GHL is allocated 75% to pot gear and 25% to jig gear. Pot vessels larger than 58 feet are limited to 25% of the total GHL prior to September 1 and Cook Inlet is designated as an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod. The fishery opened to pot gear on February 14, 2014 and closed to vessels larger than 58 feet on March 5, 2014. Total harvest through the end of May is 2.99 million pounds by nine pot vessels. There has been no activity by jig vessels.

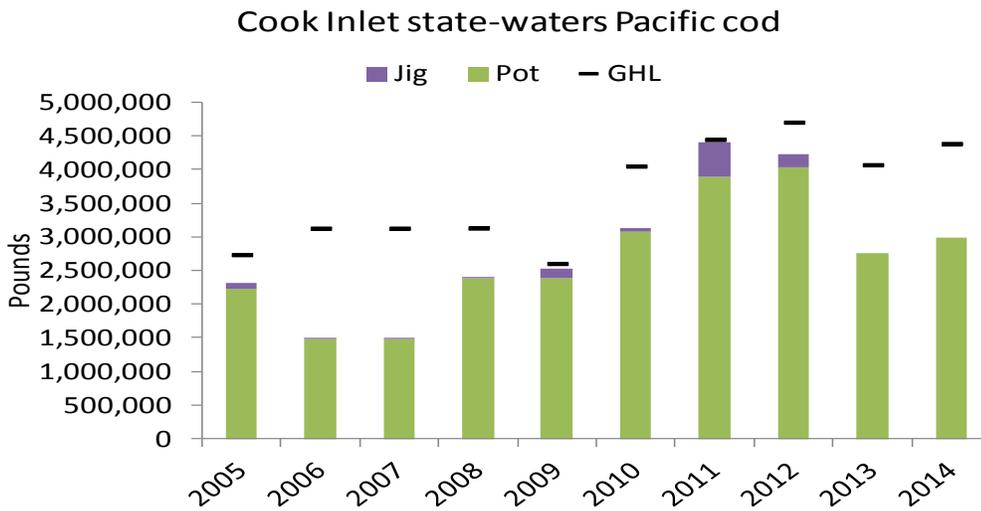


Figure 3. Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

**Westward Region Pacific Cod  
Kodiak Pacific Cod**

The 2014 state-waters GHL is 14.63 million pounds, or 12.5 percent of the Central GOA Pacific cod ABC. The GHL is allocated 50 percent to mechanical jig and hand troll gears and 50 percent to pot gear, or 7.32 million pounds each. The state-waters pot fishery in the Kodiak area opened on February 20 and closed on March 19, 2014 with a total harvest of 7.5 million pounds by twenty-seven vessels. The state-waters jig fishery opened on March 15, 2014 concurrent with the federal jig sector fishery in federal waters and remains open. Total jig harvest to date is 2.91 million pounds by seventy-four vessels.

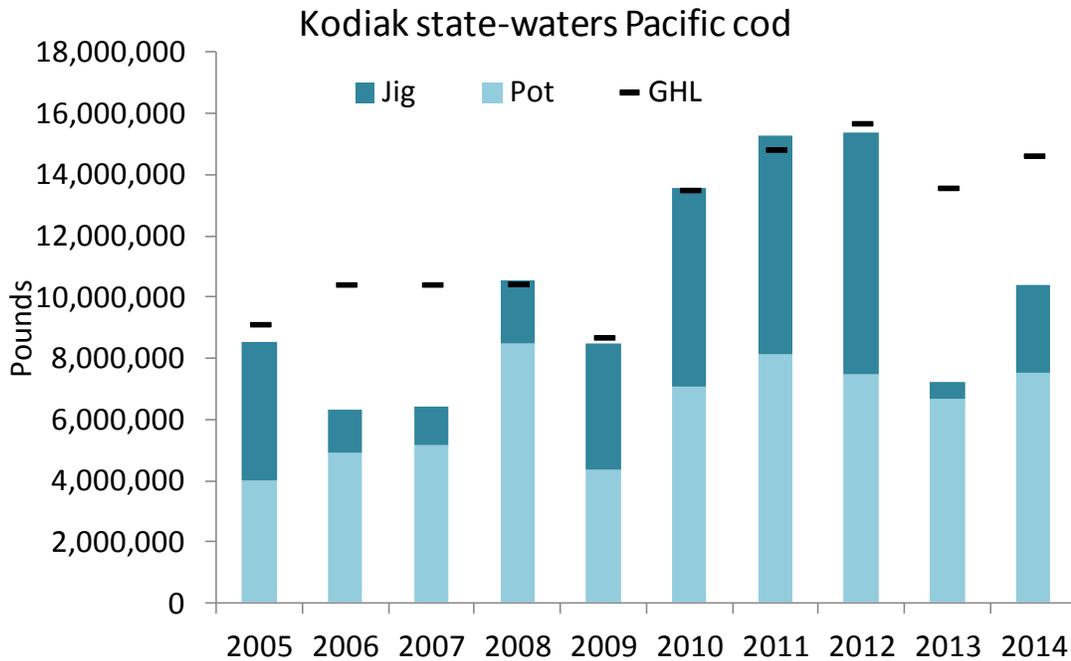


Figure 4. Kodiak state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

**South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod**

The 2014 GHL is 21.657 million pounds or 30% of the Western GOA Pacific cod ABC. Eighty-five percent of the GHL is allocated to pot vessels. The area has a 58-foot vessel length limit and an exclusive registration designation. The state-waters pot season opened on March 7 and closed on March 24, 2014. Thirty-eight pot vessels harvested a total of 18.36 million pounds. The state-waters jig fishery opened on March 21 and closed on May 16, 2014. Thirty-nine jig vessels harvested a total of 3.12 million pounds.

### South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod

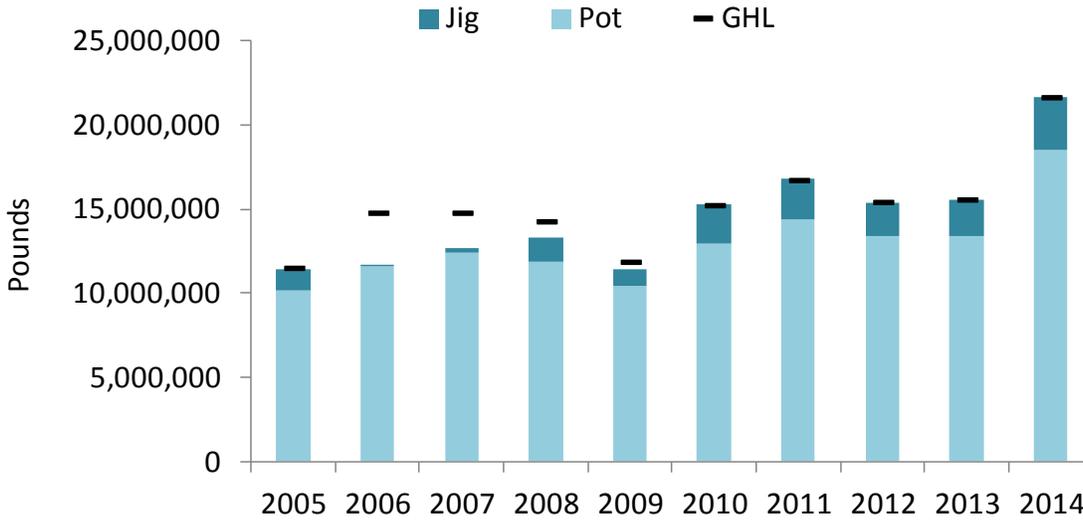


Figure 5. South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

### Dutch Harbor Pacific Cod

The 2014 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters Pacific cod GHL is 17.86 million pounds and is calculated as 3 percent of the combined BS and AI Pacific cod ABCs. The DHS opened on February 11, 2014, seven days after the initial federal Pacific cod season closure for the BSAI <60' hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel sector. The fishery is only open to vessels ≤58' using pot gear (60 pot limit) and the DHS is an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod. Total harvest through June 1, 2014 is 17.67 million pounds (99% of GHL). Total participation was 16 vessels; weekly participation has ranged from six to 10 vessels.

### Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-water Pacific cod

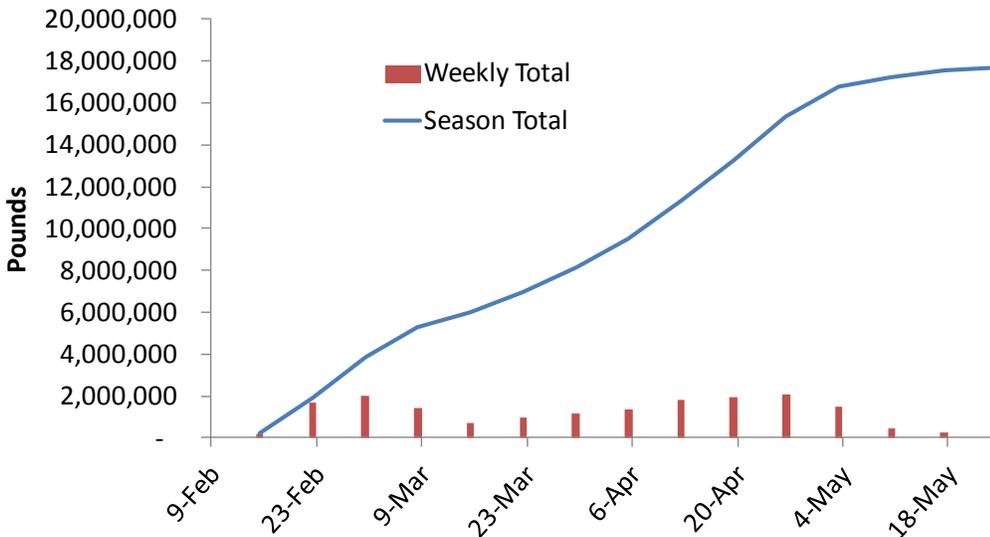


Figure 6. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod harvest by week, 2014.

### Aleutian Islands (Adak) Pacific Cod

The 2014 GHL for the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod fishery is 17.86 million pounds. The GHL is apportioned 70 percent in the A season (12.5 million pounds) and 30 percent for the B season (5.36 million pounds). The A season opened January 1, between 175° W long. and 178° W long. to vessels 60 feet overall length (OAL) or less using pot, jig, and non-pelagic trawl gear and vessels 58 feet OAL or less using longline gear. On March 15, the state-waters A season expands to include all state waters west of 170° W long. and vessel length limits increase for pot and non-pelagic trawl vessels to 125 feet and 100 feet, respectively. Total harvest remains confidential given the number of processors. Four pot vessels and four trawl vessels participated during the A season. The B season GHL will be approximately 7.5 million pounds. The shorebased processor in Adak shut down in late April and doesn't plan to reopen until the 2015 A season.

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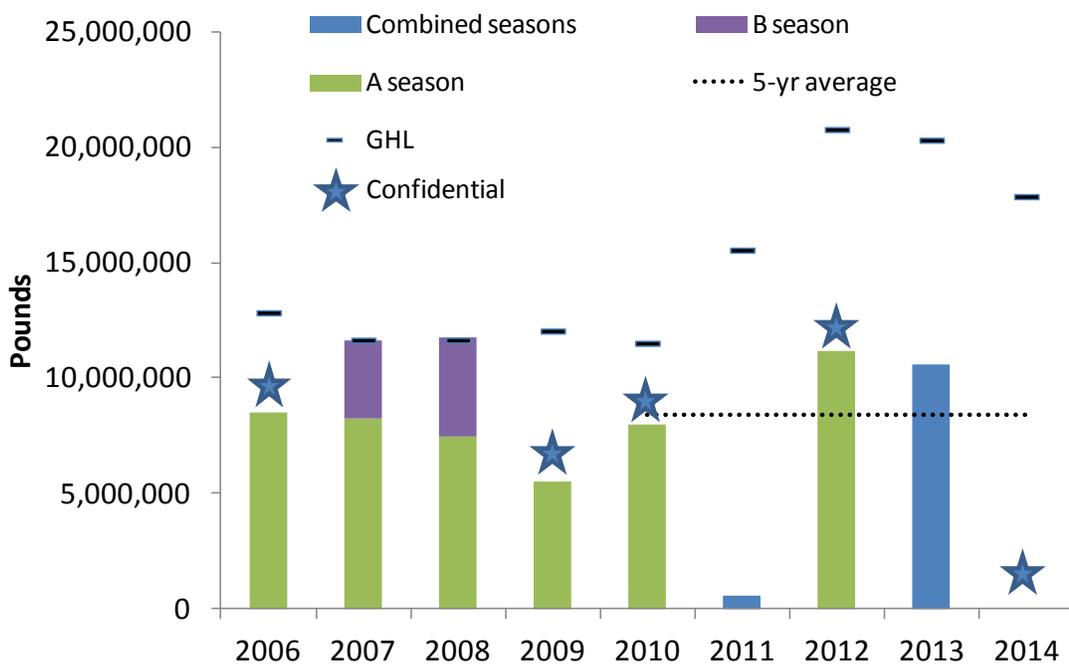


Figure 7. Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod harvest by season, 2006- 2014.