



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

REPORT TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Salmon Troll Fishery (FIGURE 1 & 2)

The winter Chinook salmon troll fishery in Southeast Alaska is managed in accordance with the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) winter troll management plan [5 AAC 29.080] and the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST). The winter troll Chinook salmon season opened October 11, 2009 and closed by regulation on April 30, 2010. The total catch estimate for this season is 42,536 fish out of the 45,000 treaty Chinook salmon available for harvest during the winter fishery. Any Treaty Chinook salmon not harvested will be available for harvest in the spring and summer fisheries.

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab (FIGURE 3 & 4)

The 2009/10 Area 0 (Aleutian Islands) commercial golden king crab fishery opened August 15, 2009. The total allowable catch (TAC) is 5.985 million pounds. The TAC is apportioned east and west of 174° W longitude. The Eastern IFQ TAC of 2.835 million pounds was fully harvested by three vessels.

The Western TAC is 2.835 million pounds, with the IFQ harvest set at 2.55 million pounds. Three vessels harvested 2.48 million pounds of IFQ TAC and the golden king crab fishery in the Aleutian Islands closed on May 15, 2010.

Bering Sea Snow Crab (FIGURE 5 & 6)

The 2009/10 snow crab IFQ TAC is approximately 43.2 million pounds. The 2009/10 Bering Sea snow crab fishery opened on October 15, 2009 and closed on May 15, 2010 in the Eastern Subdistrict and on May 31, 2010 in the Western Subdistrict. A total of 43.2 million pounds or 100% of the TAC was harvested.

The CDQ TAC is 4.8 million pounds and all of the TAC has been harvested by 11 vessels.

Westward Region Pacific Cod

Kodiak Pacific Cod (Figure 7)

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season opened on February 7, 2010, seven days after the close of the federal fishery. The 2010 state-waters guideline harvest level (GHL) is 13.51 million pounds. The GHL is allocated 50 percent to mechanical jig and hand troll gears and 50 percent to pot gear, or 6.755 million pounds each. Vessel operators fishing with pot gear on vessels longer than 58 feet overall length are restricted to 25% of the GHL (3.377 million pounds) before September 1. The fishery closed to pot gear on February 23, 2010, and will likely close to jig gear sometime this week.

Chignik Pacific Cod (Figure 8)

The state waters Pacific cod fishery in Chignik opened by regulation on March 1. The GHL is 9.46 million pounds, with pot vessels targeting 90 percent of that amount (8.51 million pounds). The fishery closed to pot gear on April 6, 2010. To date there has been no jig effort.

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows Pacific cod remaining on the 2010 jig-gear guideline harvest level (GHL) to be taken on or after August 15 by either pot or jig gear.

South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (Figure 9)

The Pacific cod fishery for the South Alaska Peninsula was scheduled to open on February 7, 2010, seven days after the close of the federal fishery. Due to weather delays the fishery did not open until February 26, 2010. The GHL is 15.25 million pounds, with 85 percent targeted by pot gear (12.2 million pounds). The fishery closed to pot gear on March 23, 2010 and closed to jig gear on May 27, 2010.

Aleutian Islands (Adak) Pacific Cod (Figure 10)

The state waters Pacific cod fishery in Adak opened on March 16, 2010, four days after the close of the parallel catcher vessel trawl fishery in the BSAI. The GHL is calculated as 3% of the BSAI ABC and was set at 11.5 million pounds for the 2010 season. The state-waters fishery is managed so that no more than 70% of the GHL (8.05 million pounds) is available for harvest prior to June 10. As of June 1, 2010, three catcher processors were participating using pot gear and the fishery closed at noon on June 4, 2010. The remaining 30% of the GHL (3.45 million pounds) is available beginning June 10, 2010.

Southeast Groundfish

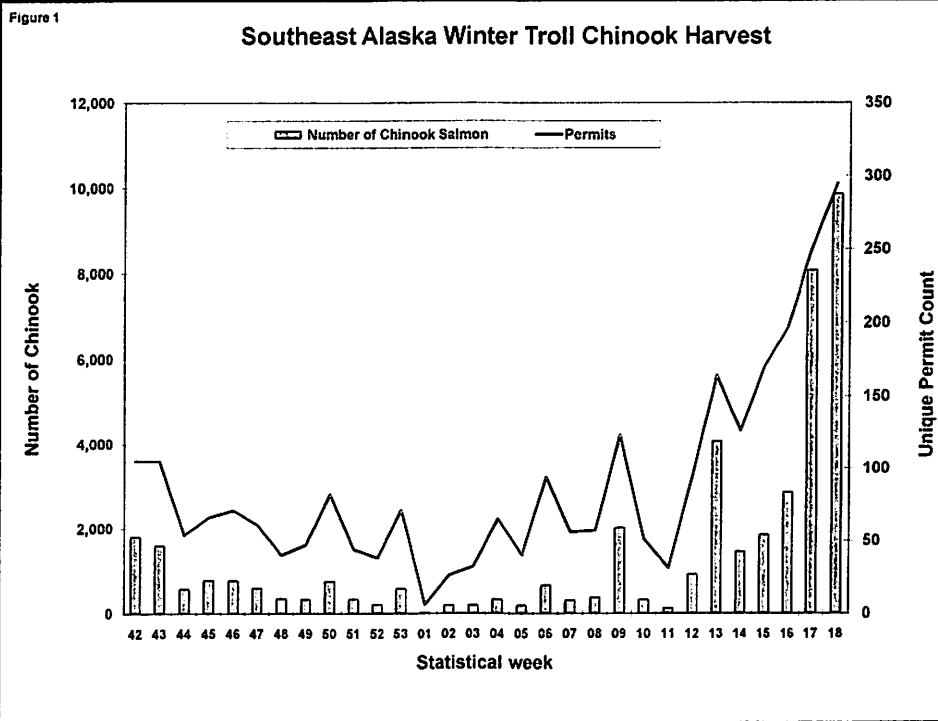
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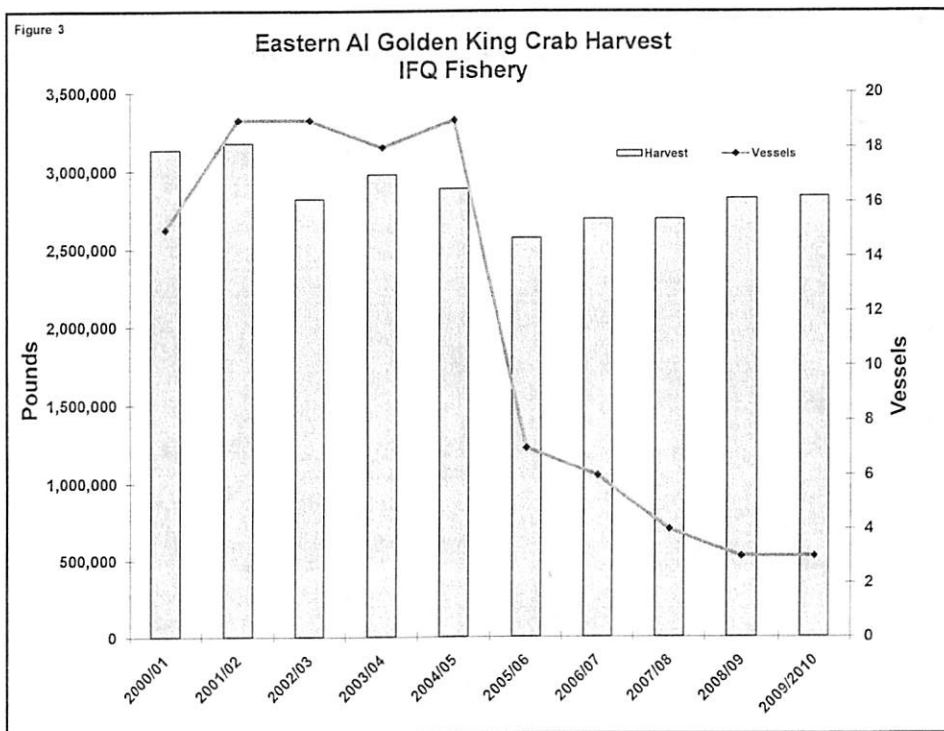
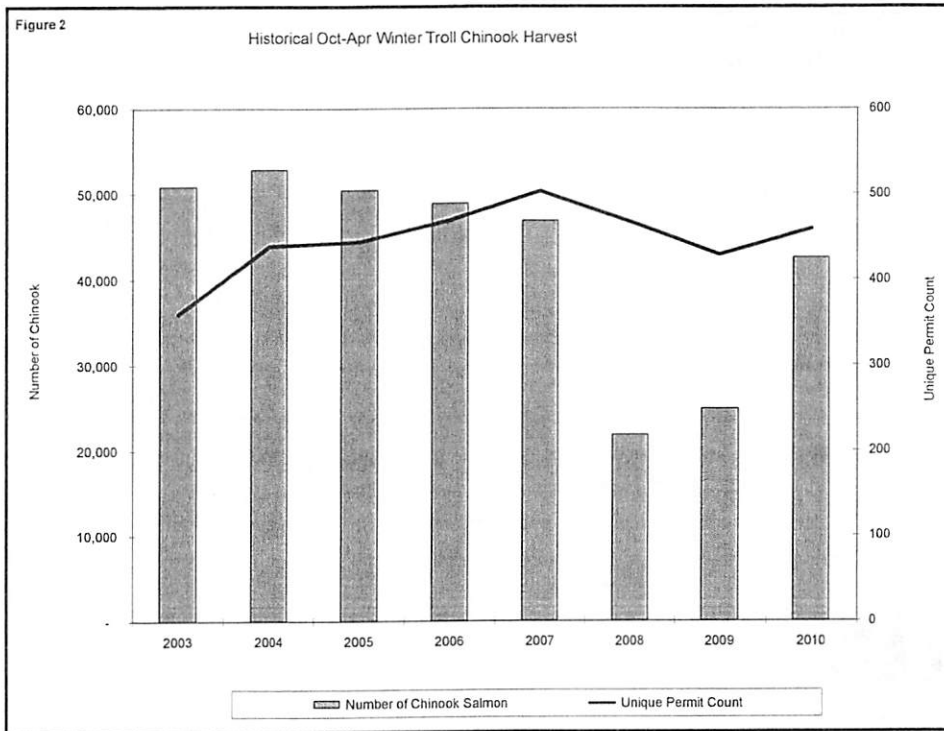
The SSEI sablefish fishery opened on June 1 with a harvest objective of 634,000 round pounds. This harvest objective is the same as that of the 2009 season. The 2010 equal quota share (EQS) for each of the 27 permit holders will be 23,400 round pounds. This represents a 3% increase in the EQS over last year due to a decrease of one permit for this fishery.

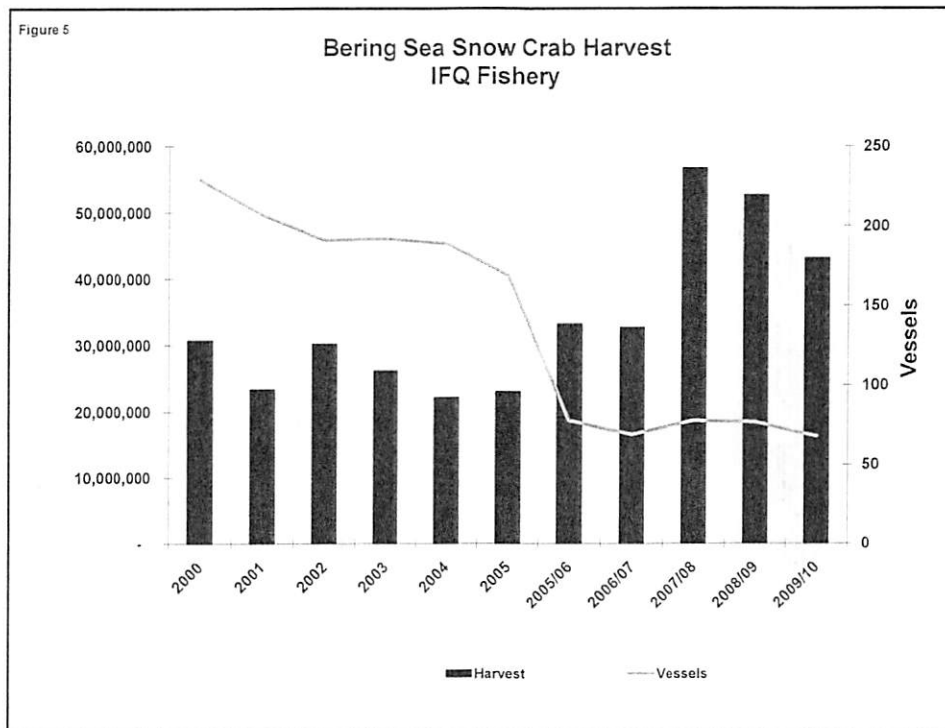
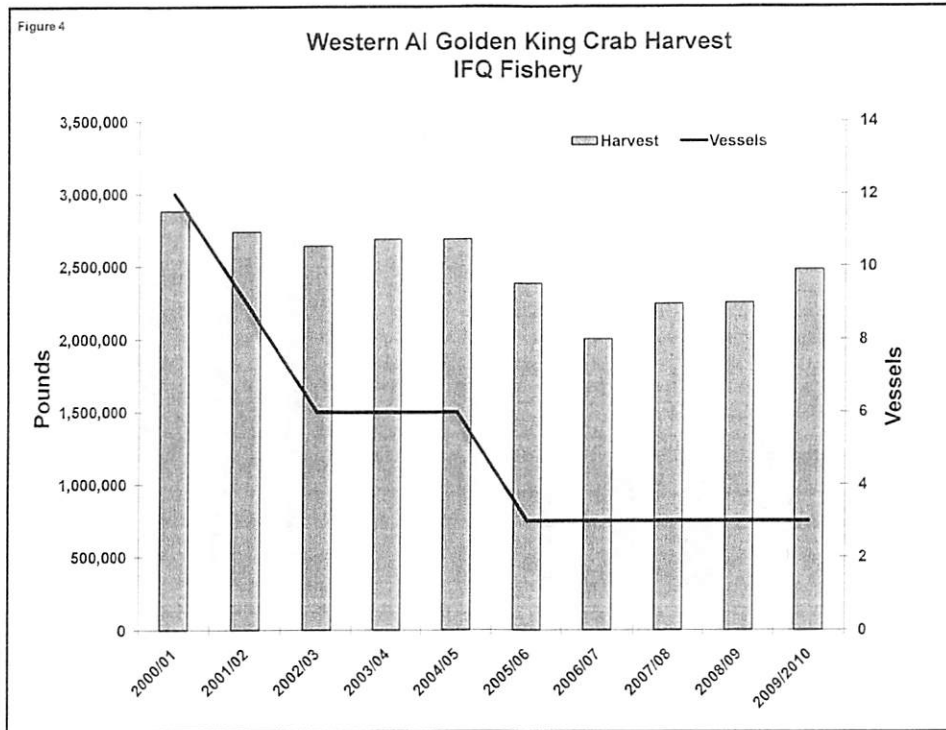
The SSEI sablefish longline fishery will close at noon, August 15, 2010. The SSEI sablefish pot gear fishery will open at 8:00 am, September 1 and close at 12:00 noon, November 15, 2010.

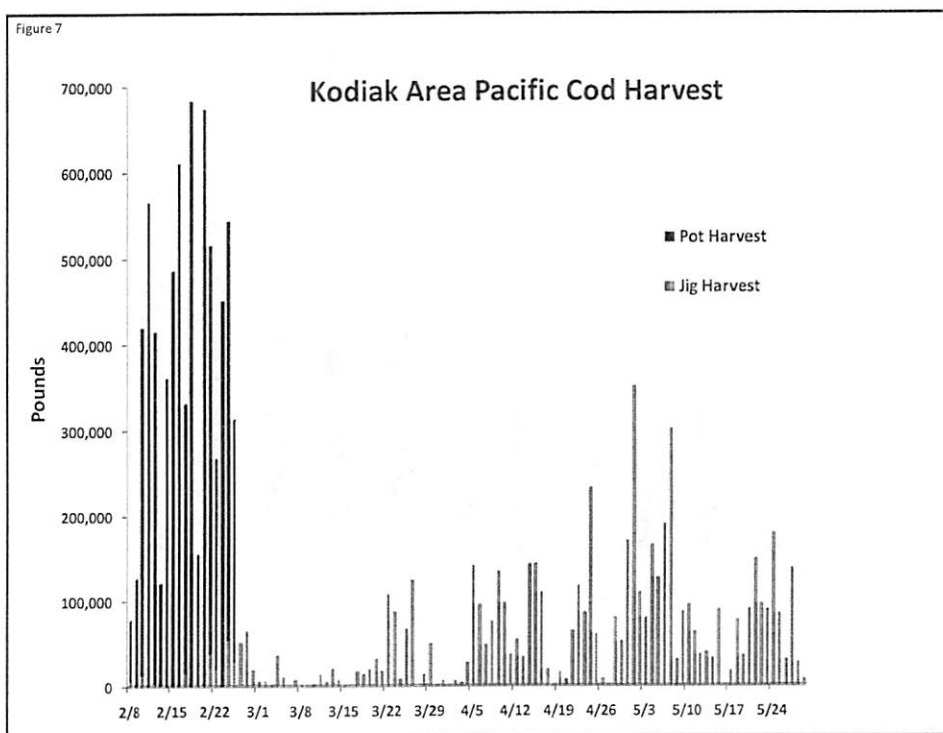
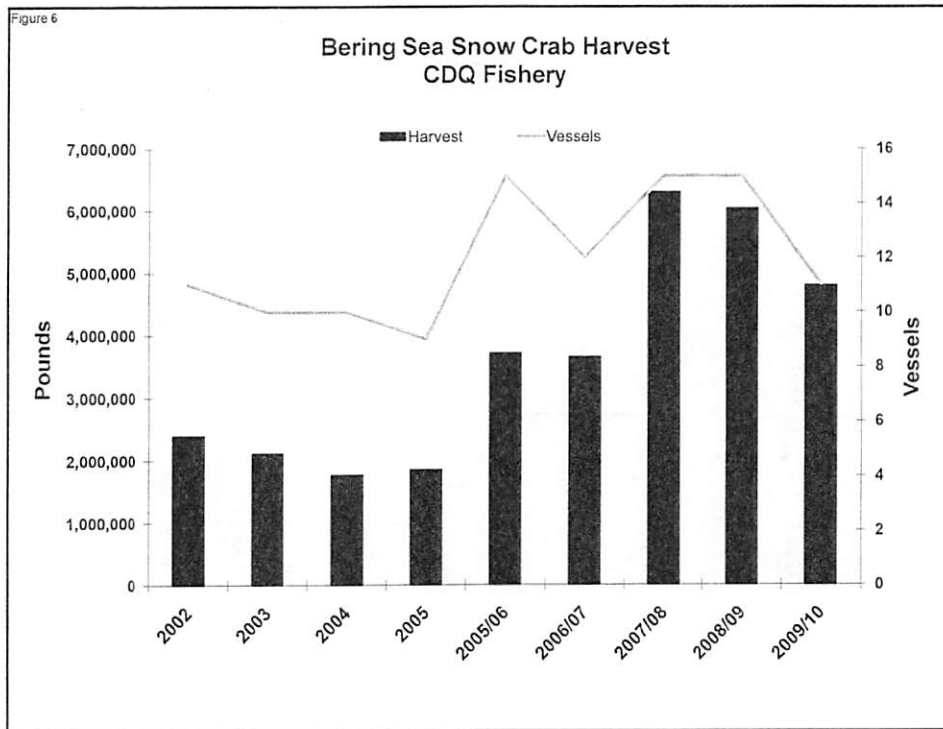
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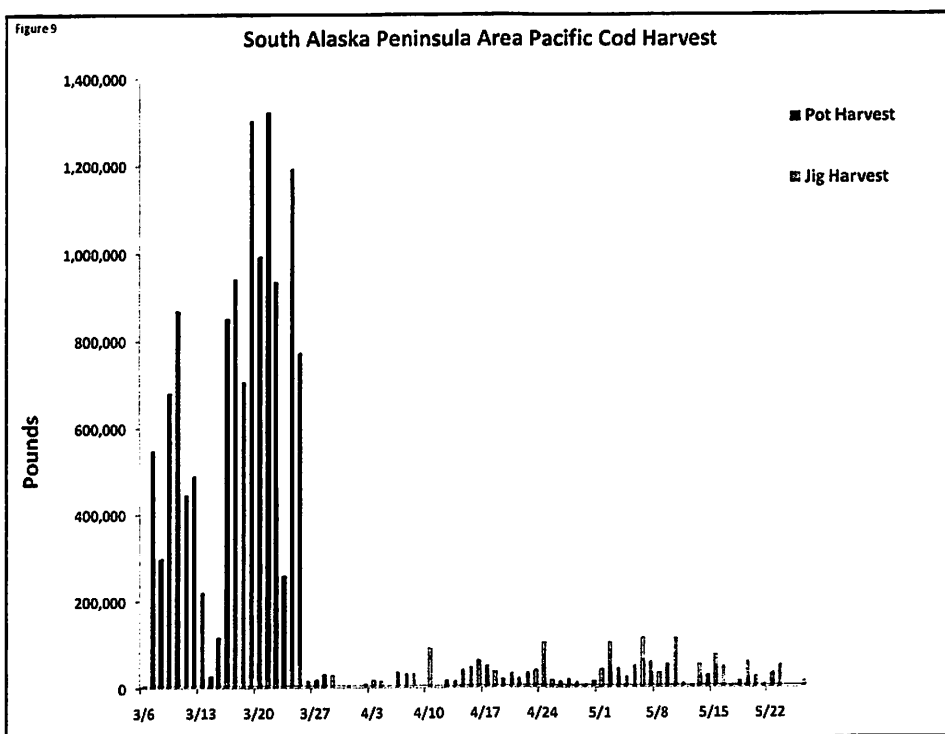
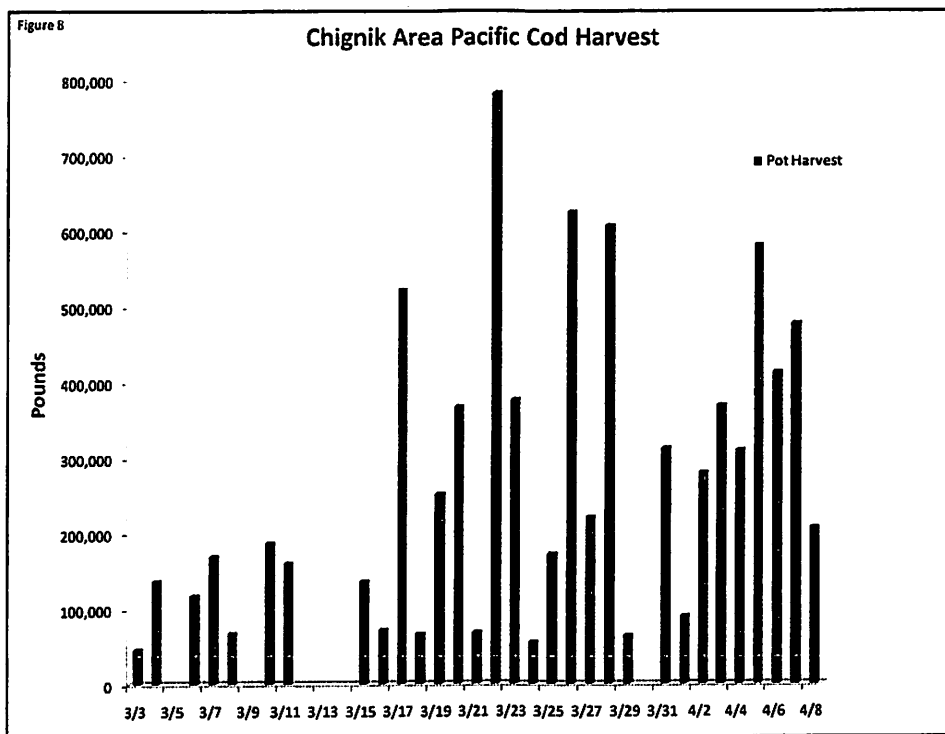
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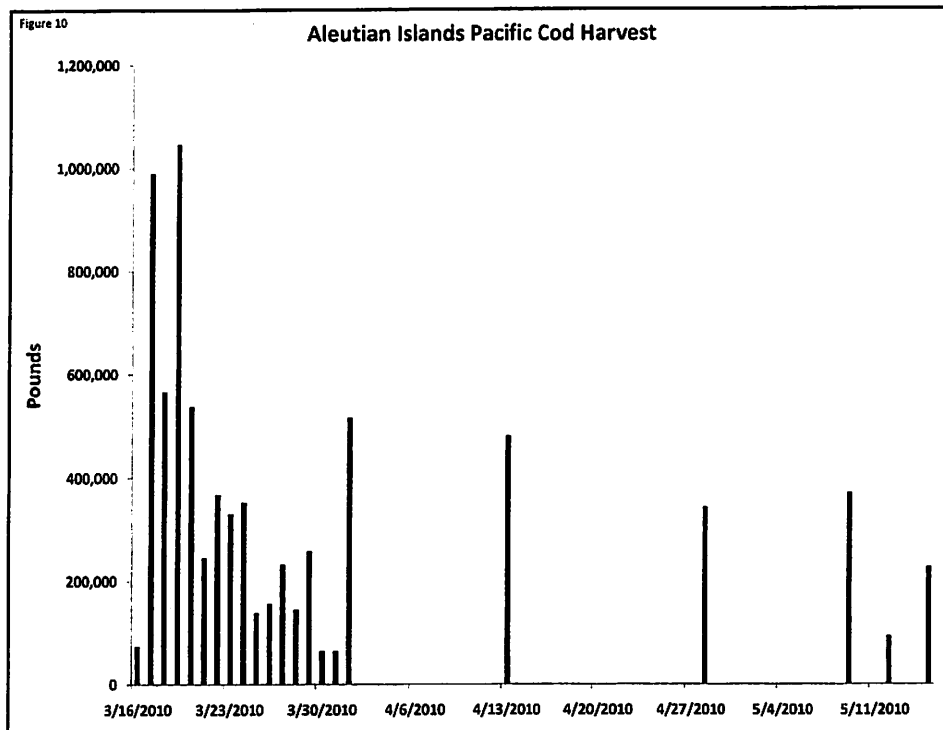












Southeast Sablefish

Opened June 1 (SSEI)

634,000 round pounds

Equal quota share = 23,400 round pounds

Closes August 15

Pot gear fishery opens September 1 and

closes November 15