



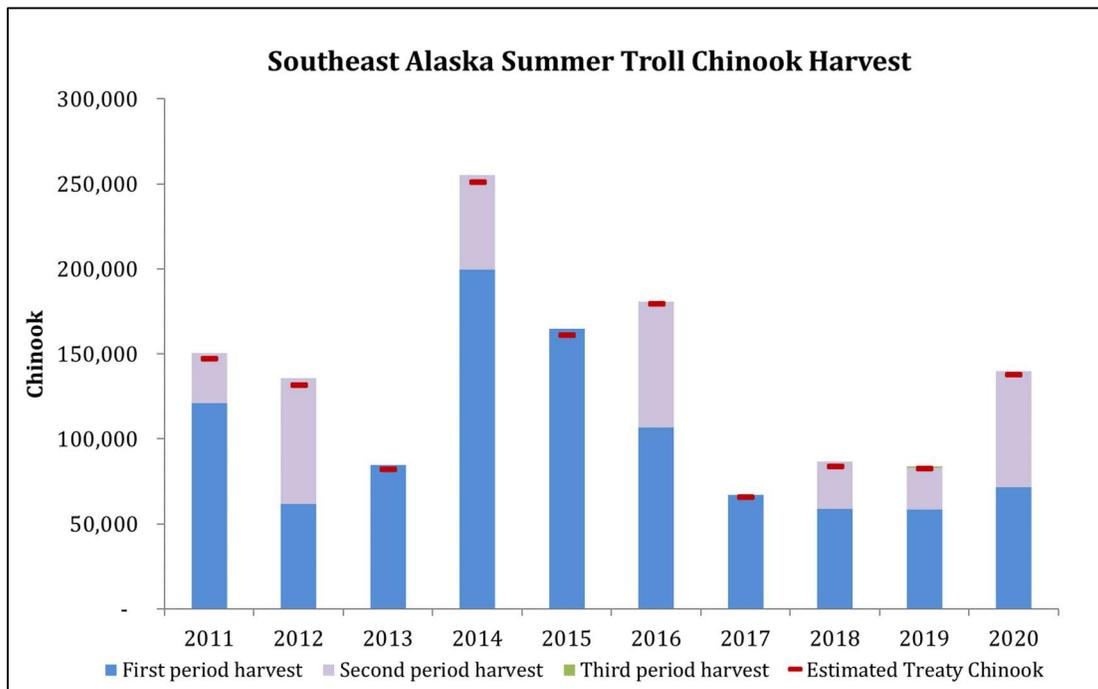
**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME REPORT TO THE  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Fisheries**

Fisheries managed by the State of Alaska of interest to the Council since the last ADFG report include those for salmon, crab, scallops, and Pacific cod.

**Salmon**

The Southeast Alaska summer troll fishery opened on July 1, 2020. The summer fishery targets the annual Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook salmon quota during multiple open periods during the July 1 to September 30 timeframe. During the summer season, most waters of the Southeast Alaska/Yakutat area are open to commercial trolling, including outer coastal waters in the EEZ and excluding those waters described in 5 AAC 29.150. Chinook harvest during the summer troll fishery was 139,677 fish and 137,763 of those fish are estimated to be Treaty Chinook salmon.



**Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab**

The 2020/21 Aleutian Islands commercial golden king crab fishery opened August 1, 2020. The total allowable catch (TAC) for this stock is 6.61 million pounds and is apportioned east and west of 174° W longitude. For the 2020/21 fishing year, the eastern TAC is 3.65 million pounds and the western TAC is 2.96 million pounds. Ten percent of the eastern TAC is allocated to the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fishery and ten percent of the western Aleutian Islands golden king crab TAC is allocated to the Adak Community Allocation (ACA) fishery. In the western area, 19% of the quota has been harvested

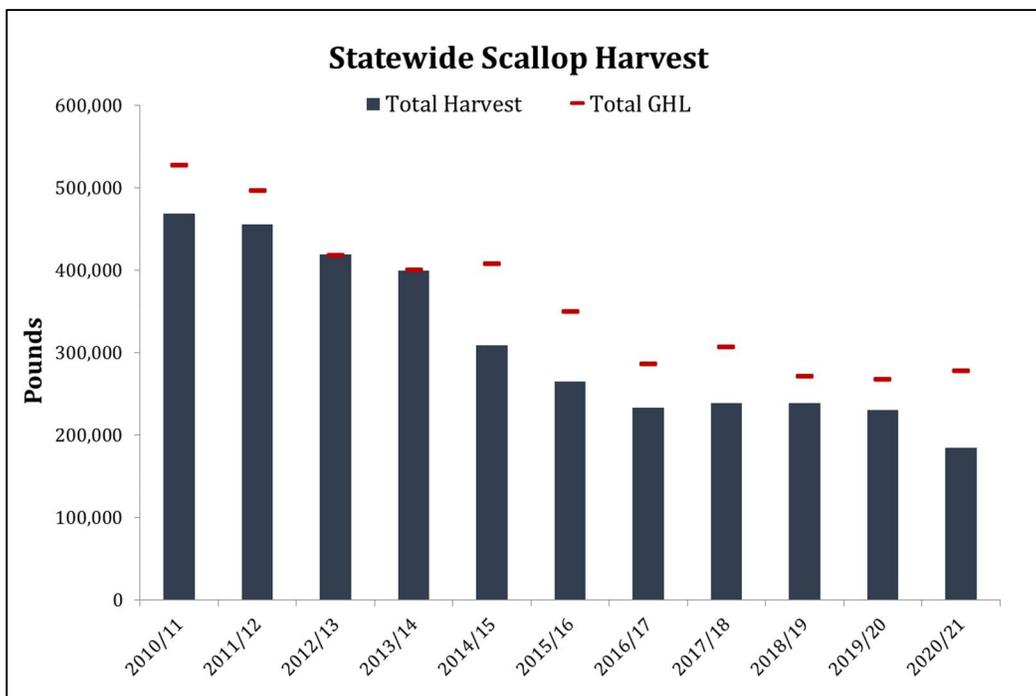
by three vessels. In the eastern area, harvest is confidential due to the number of vessels participating. The Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery closes by regulation on April 30, 2021.

**Scallop**

Weathervane scallop fisheries in the Yakutat, Kodiak, Alaska Peninsula, Dutch Harbor, and the Bering Sea registration areas opened on July 1, 2020. The cumulative guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2020/21 season is 277,500 pounds of shucked meats, a 10,000 pound increase from the 2019/20 cumulative GHL. To date 184,780 pounds of shucked meats have been harvested.

2020/21 Alaska Weathervane Scallop Guideline Harvest and Crab Bycatch Levels				
Registration Area	District/Management Unit	GHL (pounds of shucked meat)	Bycatch Limits (number of crab)	
			Tanner Crab	King Crab
Yakutat		145,000	N/A	N/A
Prince William Sound	East Kayak Subsection	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
	West Kayak Subsection	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Cook Inlet	Kamishak Bay District	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Kodiak	Northeast District	15,000	9,000	25
	Shelikof District	40,000	20,000	25
	Southwest District	35,000	17,500	25
	Southeast District	15,000	9,000	25
	Semidi Islands District <sup>1</sup>	<i>Exploratory Area (Commissioner's Permit)</i>		
Alaska Peninsula	160° to 161° W. long	7,500	3,750	25
	Unimak Bight <sup>1</sup>	7,500	3,750	25
Dutch Harbor	Bering Sea waters	5,000	5,000	10
	Pacific Ocean waters	<i>Closed for the 2020/21 season</i>	N/A	N/A
Bering Sea		7,500	65,000	500
			<i>C. opilio &amp; hybrids</i>	
			300,000	

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner's Permit required to harvest scallops in these areas.

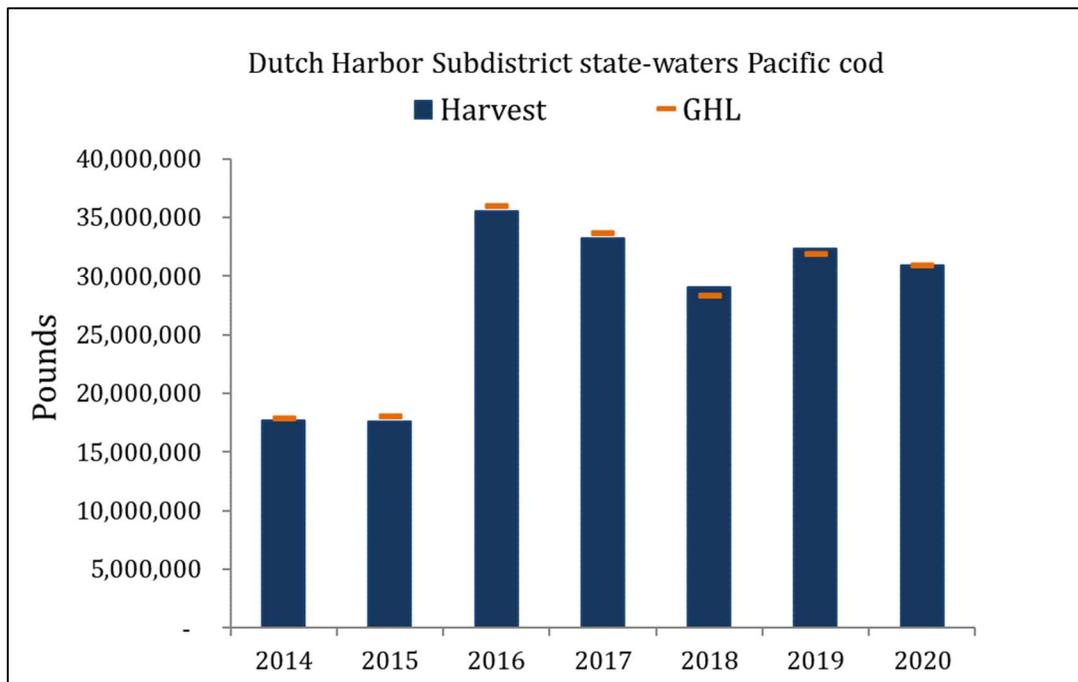


## Pacific Cod

State-water Pacific cod fisheries are established in the Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Areas.

### Dutch Harbor

The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict pot season opened on January 26, 2020 with a GHL of 30.9 million pounds and closed on March 12, 2020 with approximately 845,000 pounds of GHL remaining. Following the closure of the BSAI under 60 hook and line and pot CV fishery on September 12, 2020, the DHS state-waters pot fishery reopened to target the remaining GHL. This fishery closed on September 29, 2020.



### Kodiak

The 2020 state-waters GHL for the Kodiak Area is 1.52 million pounds and is allocated 50 percent to mechanical jig and hand troll gears and 50 percent to pot gear (0.76 million pounds each). The state-waters pot fishery opened on February 24, 2020 and closed on March 11, 2020. Seven pot vessels harvested 735,450 pounds (97%) of the pot allocation. The state-waters jig fishery opened on January 1, 2020 by regulation and remains open. Twenty-six vessels have harvested 682,867 pounds (90%) of the jig allocation.

In January 2020, the Board of Fisheries increased the jig gear limit for the Kodiak Area and beginning on June 5, vessels using jig gear may operate up to 6 machines with 30 hooks per line.

### Chignik

The 2020 GHL in Chignik is 1.06 million pounds and is allocated 90% to pot gear and 10% to jig gear. The state-waters pot season opened on March 1, 2020 and closed on March 13. The fishery opened up again to pot gear on August 15 because there was available jig allocation that had not been harvested.

Four vessels have harvested 980,177 pounds (92%) of the GH. The state-waters jig fishery opened by regulation on January 1, 2020; however, there has been no participation in the jig fishery.

### South Alaska Peninsula

The 2020 GH in South Alaska Peninsula is 2.12 million pounds and is allocated 85% to pot gear and 15% to jig gear. The state-waters pot season opened by regulation on March 7, 2020 and closed on March 27. Nineteen pot vessels harvested 1.68 million pounds (93%) of the pot allocation. The state-waters jig fishery opened on January 1, 2020. To date, thirteen jig vessels have harvested 304,605 pounds (96%) of the jig allocation.

### Alaska Board of Fisheries

Upcoming meetings:

- Work Session, October 15-16, 2020, teleconference. The Board will determine the dates of future meetings.
- Prince William Sound/Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Rivers Finfish and Shellfish, dates TBD, Cordova. Proposals that may be of interest to the Council include:

**Proposal 1** Establish a longline skate fishery in Prince William Sound based on 25% of the Longnose Skate and Big Skate ABCs in the EGOA. *Proposal 1 requests 25% of the EGOA TAC for each of these skate species but functionally these allocations would be deducted from the ABC before the federal TACs are established.*

**Proposal 3** (ADF&G) Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Prince William Sound Area as follows: “an operator of a vessel participating in a parallel Pacific cod season in the Prince William Sound Area may not operate gear in any other registration area during the same trip.”

**Proposal 4** (ADF&G) Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Prince William Sound Area as follows: “an operator of a vessel retaining sablefish in federal waters may not operate gear in state waters of the Prince William Sound Area during the same trip.”