



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

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

### Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab

The 2024/25 Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery opened on July 1, 2024, for the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fishery and on August 1, 2024, for the Adak Community Allocation (ACA) and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) fisheries. All fisheries closed by regulation on April 30, 2025. The overfishing level (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) are set by the Council and ADF&G sets the total allowable catch (TAC) so that total removals do not exceed the ABC. For the 2024/25 fishing year, the Aleutian Islands golden king crab TAC is 4.88 million pounds, apportioned east and west of 174° west longitude. The Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab (EAG) TAC is 3.76 million pounds, and the Western Aleutian Islands golden king crab (WAG) TAC is 1.12 million pounds. Ten percent of the EAG TAC is allocated to the CDQ fishery and ten percent of the WAG TAC is allocated to the ACA fishery. Individual area harvest is confidential but 4.88 million pounds, 100% of the combined TAC, was harvested (Figure 1).

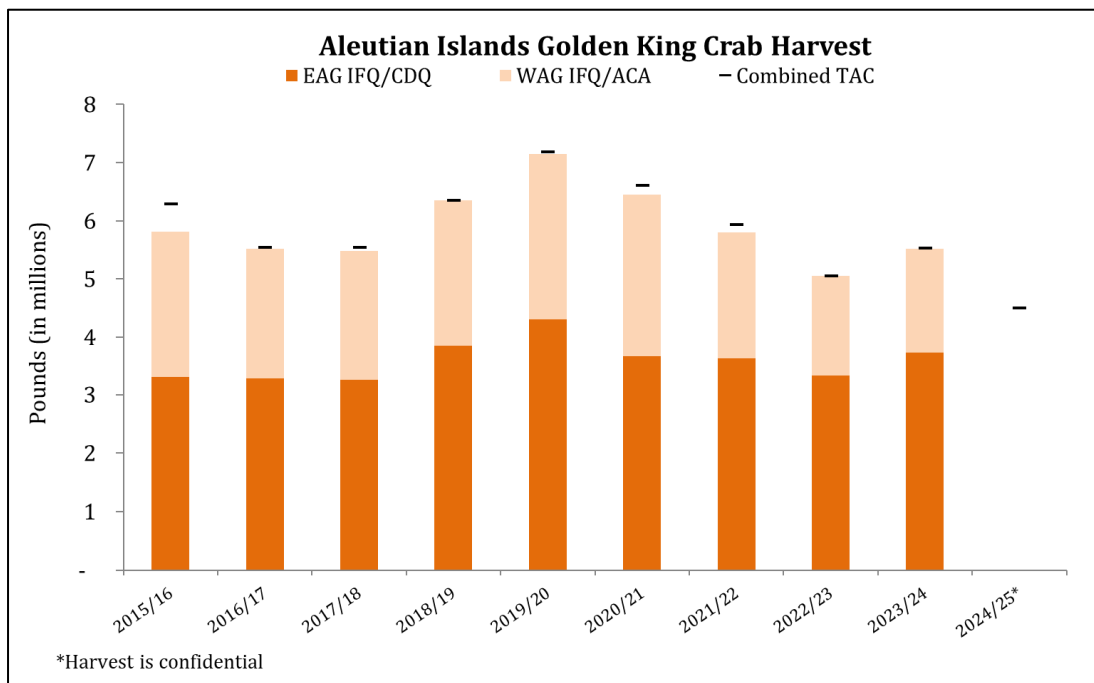


Figure 1. Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest by area, 2015/16 – 2024/25 seasons.

### Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab

The 2024/25 Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery opened in both the western area (west of 166° west longitude) and eastern area (between 166° west longitude and 163° west longitude) on October 15, 2024, and

closed by regulation on March 31, 2025. The TAC in the western area is set at 4.50 million pounds and the TAC in the eastern area is 1.77 million pounds; 10% of the TAC in each area is allocated to the CDQ fishery. The full TACs were harvested in both areas (Figure 2).

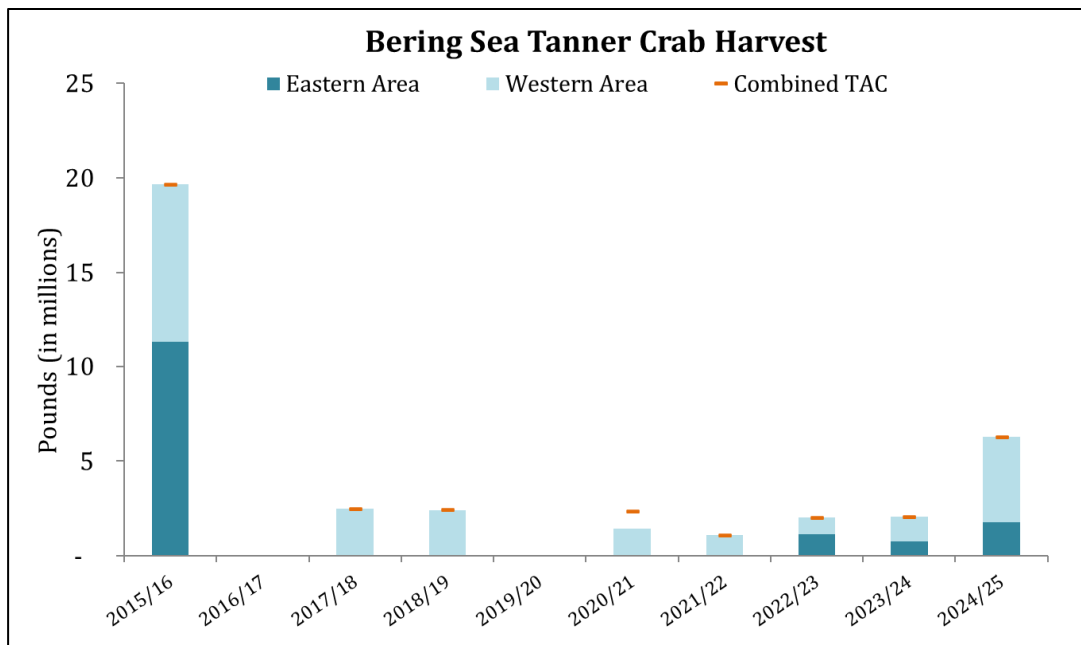


Figure 2. Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest by area, 2015/16 – 2024/25 seasons.

### Eastern Bering Sea Snow Crab

The Eastern Bering Sea snow crab fishery opened on October 15, 2024, and closed in the Eastern Subdistrict (between 166° W and 173° W longitude) on May 15, 2025, and in the Western Subdistrict (west of 173° W longitude) on May 31, 2025. The 2024/25 snow crab TAC is 4.72 million pounds and 10% of the TAC is allocated to the CDQ fishery and 100% of the TAC was harvested (Figure 3).

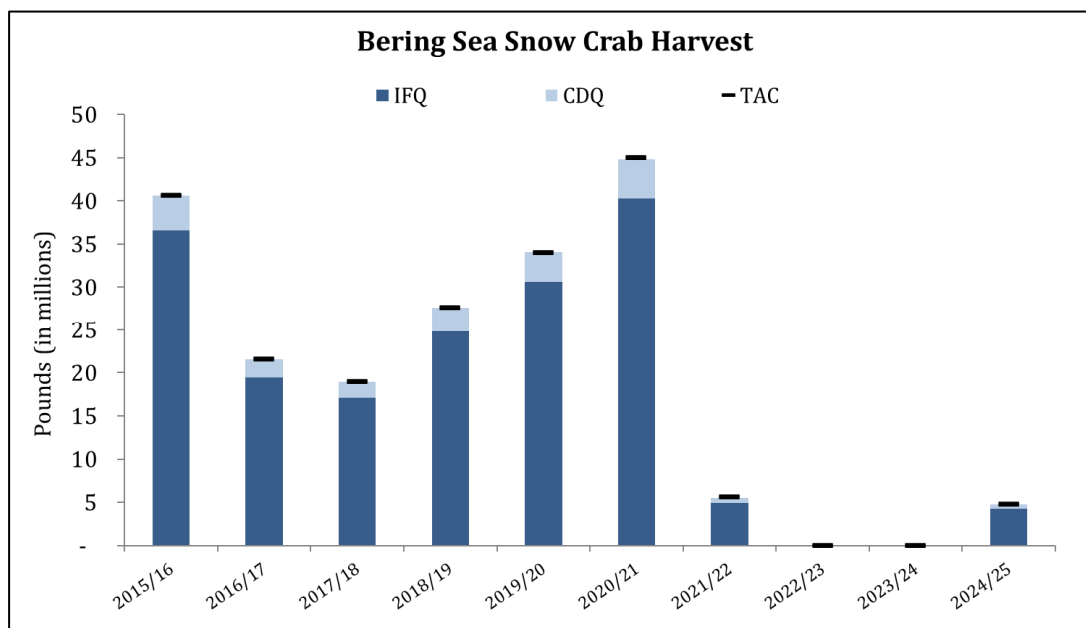


Figure 3. Eastern Bering Sea snow crab harvest, 2015/16 – 2024/25 seasons.

## Norton Sound Red King Crab

The Norton Sound red king crab Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for 2025 is 410,000 pounds with 92% allocated to the summer fishery and 8% allocated to the winter fishery. The CDQ fishery is allocated 7.5% of the total GHL, 30,750 pounds, which can be harvested during the winter or summer seasons. The 2025 winter fishery opened February 1 and closed on April 30, 2025, with a total harvest of 8,207 pounds, 25% of the GHL. The remaining winter fishery GHL is added to the summer fishery and the summer fishery will open on June 15 with a GHL of 371,043 pounds.

## Pacific Cod

State-water Pacific cod fisheries are established in Prince William Sound (PWS), Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula, and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Areas. The GHLs are calculated as a percentage of area ABCs and 2025 GHLs are as follows:

State Management Area	ABC and GHL percentage in regulation		Gear	2025 GHL (pounds)	2025 GHL (mt)
Prince William Sound	EGOA - 25%		Jig/Pot	806,065	366
			Longline	806,065	366
Chignik	CGOA - 25%	8.75%	Jig	395,566	179
			Pot	3,560,093	1,615
Kodiak		12.50%	Jig	2,825,470	1,281
			Pot	2,825,470	1,281
Cook Inlet		3.75%	Jig	254,295	115
			Pot	1,441,005	654
South Alaska Peninsula	WGOA - 30%		Jig	864,093	392
			Pot	4,896,527	2,221
Dutch Harbor Subdistrict	Bering Sea - 13%		Jig	100,000	45
			Pot	44,026,724	19,970
Aleutian Islands Subdistrict	Aleutian Islands - 35%		All	10,321,149	4,682

### Prince William Sound

The 2025 GHL for PWS (Eastern Gulf of Alaska) is 1.612 million pounds and is allocated 50% to longline gear and 50% to pot and jig gear. The state-waters fishery opened to vessels fishing with pot gear on February 8 and closed on March 11 after harvesting the GHL. The fishery opened to vessels fishing with longline gear on March 20; harvest is confidential.

### Chignik

The 2025 GHL for the Chignik Area (Central Gulf of Alaska) is 3.956 million pounds and is allocated 90% to pot gear and 10% to jig gear. The state-waters fishery opened to vessels fishing with pot gear on March 1 and to vessels fishing with jig gear on March 15. Through May 27, 2.145 million pounds have been harvested with pot gear and there has been no effort with jig gear (Figure 4).

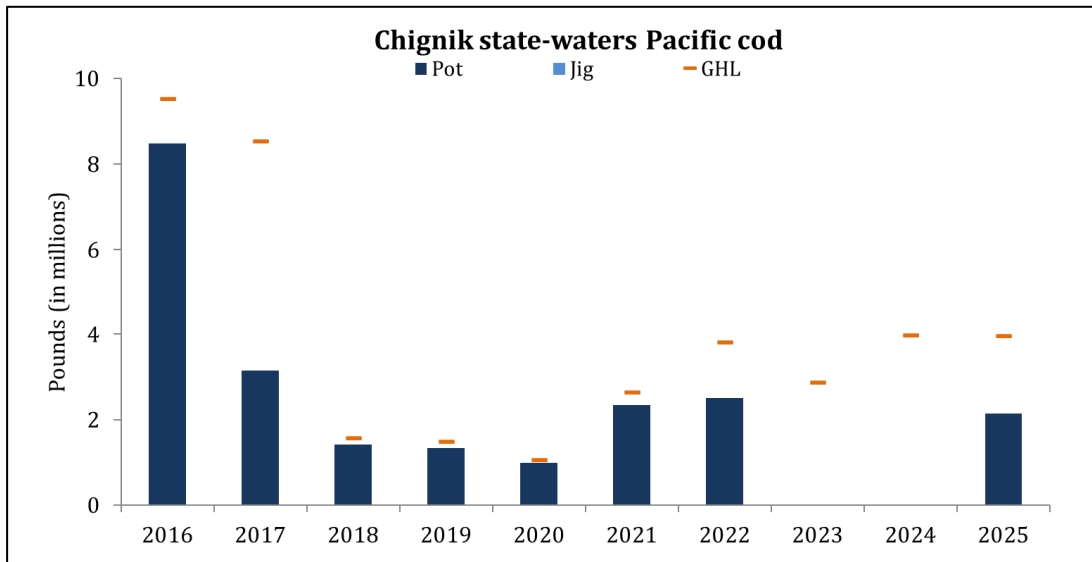


Figure 4. Chignik Pacific cod harvest by gear and GHL, 2016-2025.

### Kodiak

The 2025 GHL for the Kodiak Area (Central Gulf of Alaska) is 5.651 million pounds and is allocated 50% to mechanical jig and hand troll gears and 50% to pot gear. The state-waters fishery opened to vessels using pot gear on February 14 and closed to vessels greater than 58 feet in length on February 26 and closed to all vessels using pot gear on April 1 when the GHL was achieved (Figure 5). The jig fishery opened on January 1 and closed on April 5 when the GHL was achieved.

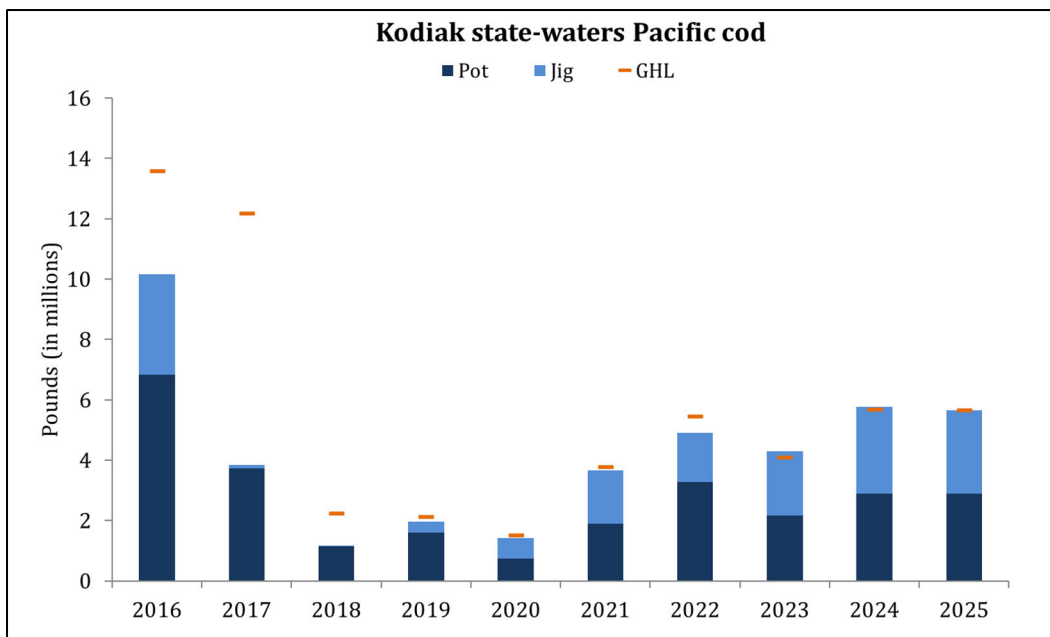


Figure 5. Kodiak Pacific cod harvest by gear and GHL, 2016-2025.

### Cook Inlet

The 2025 GHL for Cook Inlet (Central Gulf of Alaska) is 1.695 million pounds with 85% allocated to pot gear and 15% allocated to jig gear. The state-waters pot fishery opened on February 8 and closed on March 19, with

a total harvest of 1.440 million pounds (Figure 6). The jig fishery opened on April 10 and harvest is confidential.

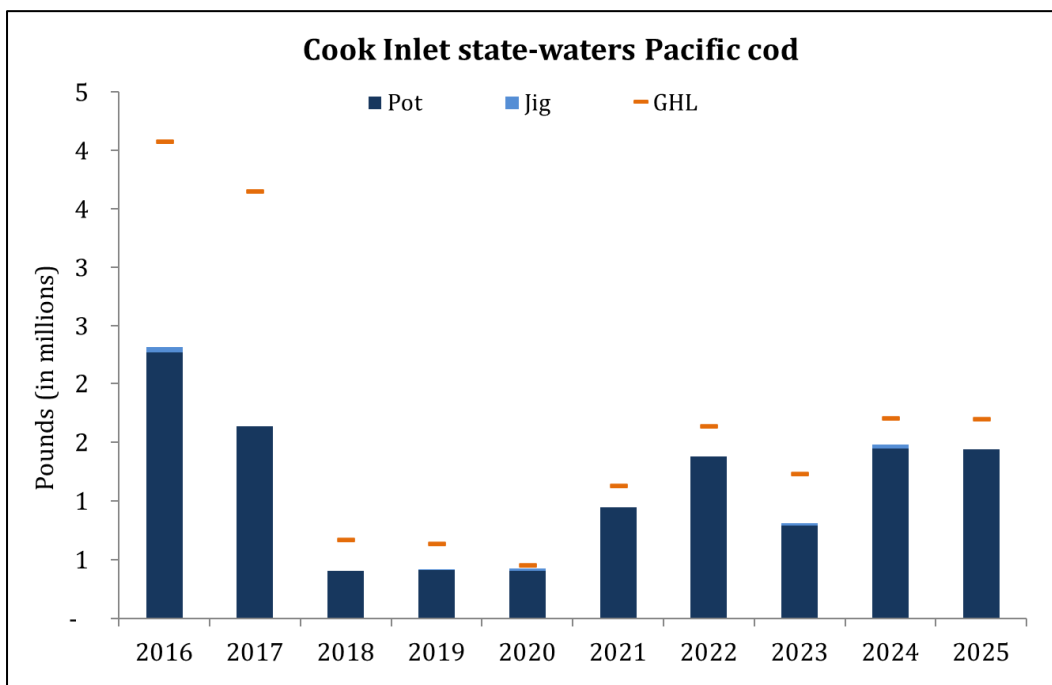


Figure 6. Cook Inlet Pacific cod harvest by gear and GHL, 2016-2025.

### South Alaska Peninsula

The 2025 GHL for the South Alaska Peninsula (Western Gulf of Alaska) is 5.760 million pounds and is allocated 85% to pot gear and 15% to jig gear. The state-waters fishery opened to vessels fishing with pot gear on March 7 and closed on March 18. Vessels using pot gear harvested 5.028 million pounds (Figure 7). The fishery opened to vessels fishing with jig gear on March 15 and harvest is confidential.

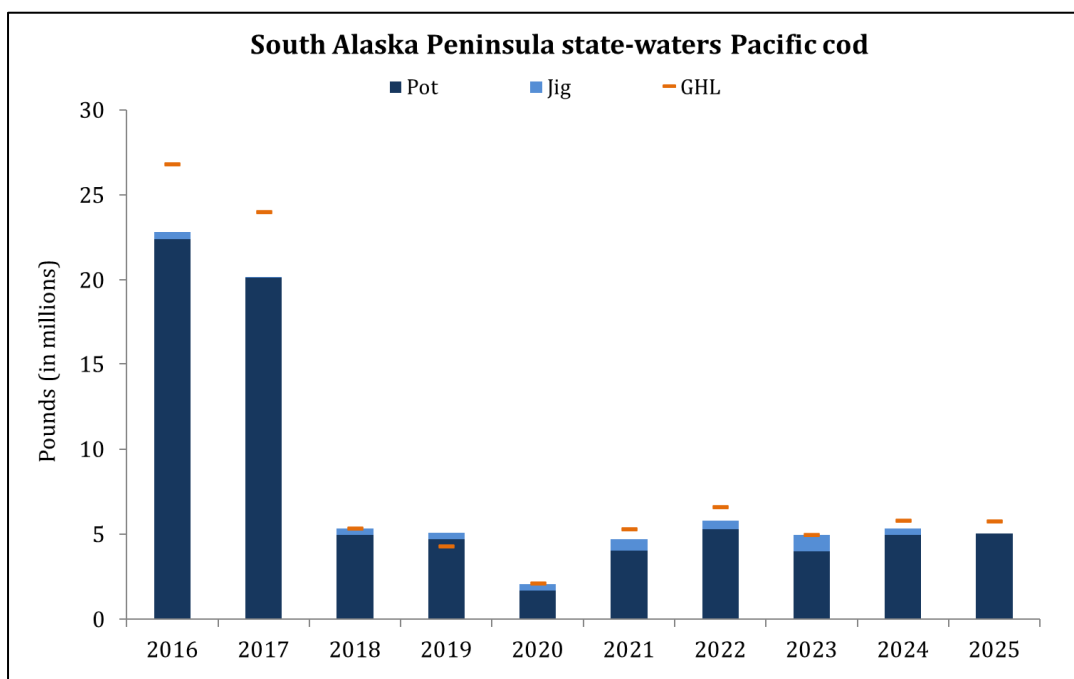


Figure 7. South Alaska Peninsula Pacific cod harvest by gear and GHL, 2016-2025.

## Dutch Harbor

In 2025, the GHL in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict increased from 12% to 13% of the Bering Sea ABC because over 90% of the GHL was achieved in both 2023 and 2024. The 2025 GHL for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict is 44.126 million pounds, with 44.026 million pounds allocated to pot gear and 100,000 pounds allocated to jig gear. The state-waters pot fishery opened on January 28 and total harvest through May 29 is 41.849 million pounds, 95% of the GHL (Figure 8). The jig fishery opened on May 1 and there has been no effort to date.

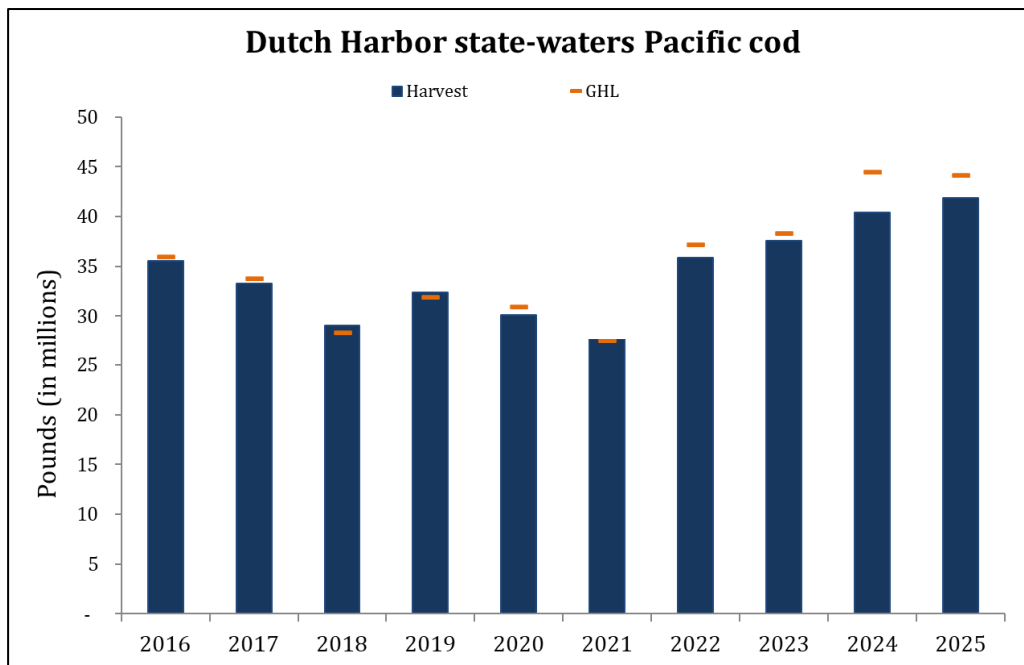


Figure 8. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific cod harvest by gear and GHL, 2016-2025.

## Aleutian Islands

The 2025 Aleutian Islands Subdistrict GHL is 10.321 million pounds which is 35% of the Aleutian Islands Pacific cod ABC. The state-waters fishery in the Adak Section, between 175° west longitude and 178° west longitude, opened January 1 to vessels 60 feet or less, except for vessels fishing with longline gear which are limited to a length of 58 feet. Following the closure of the federal fishery on February 1, all state waters of the AIS opened to vessels 100 feet or less using pot gear, vessels 60 feet or less using nonpelagic trawl or mechanical jig gear, and vessels 58 feet or less using longline gear. On March 16, ADF&G determined that the GHL would not be caught before December 31 because no state-waters harvest had occurred, so the fishery opened to vessels 125 feet or less using pot gear, vessels 100 feet or less using nonpelagic trawl gear, vessels 60 feet or less using jig gear, and vessels 58 feet or less using longline gear. Additionally, daily harvest limits, exclusive area designation, and harvest limits for pot vessels greater than 60 feet were removed. The current harvest is confidential.

## **Aleutian Islands Sablefish**

The Aleutian Islands state-water sablefish fishery opened on March 20, 2025, with a GHL of 2.73 million pounds. To date, 846,000 pounds have been harvested and the fishery closes by regulation on December 7 or when the GHL is achieved.

## **Alaska Board of Fisheries**

The proposal book for the 2025/2026 Board cycle will be available in August. The Agenda Change Request deadline for this cycle is August 29, 2025. Comments for the October Work Session are due by October 13 and comments for the Pacific cod meeting are due by October 15.

The 2025/2026 meeting schedule is as follows:

Work Session: October 28-29, 2025 (Anchorage)

Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea, and Chignik Pacific Cod: October 30-31, 2025 (Anchorage)

Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim Finfish: November 18-22, 2025 (Fairbanks)

Bristol Bay Finfish: January 13-17, 2026 (Anchorage)

Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, Chignik Finfish: February 18-24, 2026 (Anchorage)

Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues: March 1-20, 2026 (Anchorage)