



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**REPORT TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**June 2011**

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

**Salmon Troll Fishery (FIGURE 1)**

The Southeast Alaska winter troll Chinook salmon season opened October 11, 2010 and closed on April 30, 2011. The fishery is confined to the waters east of the winter boundary line (surf line) and includes the waters of Yakutat Bay. Total estimate for the winter fishery is 50,826 Chinook salmon which includes an estimated harvest of 46,972 treaty fish.

**Bering Sea Snow Crab (FIGURE 2)**

The 2010/11 Bering Sea snow crab fishery opened on October 15, 2010 and closes on May 15, 2011 in the Eastern Subdistrict and on May 31, 2011 in the Western Subdistrict. The 2010/11 snow crab TAC is 54.28 million pounds with 48.85 million pounds apportioned to the IFQ fishery and 5.43 million pounds apportioned to the CDQ fishery. Sixty-seven vessels participated this season and harvested 54.26 million pounds of IFQ quota and 5.41 million pounds of CDQ quota.

**Central Region Pacific cod (FIGURE 3)**

**Cook Inlet**

The Cook Inlet state managed Pacific cod season opened on January 30, 2011 with a GHL of 4.45 million pounds (2,020 mt). The GHL is calculated as 3.75% of the Central GOA Pacific cod ABC and is allocated 75% to pot gear and 25% to jig gear. The fishery closed to pot gear on March 19 with a total pot harvest of 3.49 million pounds (1,583 mt). The jig fishery remains open; total jig harvest to date is 470,000 pounds (213 mt) or 42% of the jig allocation. Unharvested jig allocation can be released to all legal gear types on September 1. In addition to the directed fishery, Pacific cod may be retained in state waters as bycatch to other directed groundfish and halibut fisheries at a maximum of 20%. Cook Inlet is designated as an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod.

**Westward Region Pacific cod (FIGURES 4-6)****Kodiak**

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season opened on February 5, seven days after the close of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) inshore component of the Central GOA Pacific cod fishery. The 2011 GHL is 14.83 million pounds (6,727 mt) or 12.5% of the Central GOA Pacific cod ABC. The GHL is allocated 50% to mechanical jig and hand troll gear and 50% to pot gear. The fishery closed to pot gear on February 18, with a total pot harvest of 8.13 million pounds (3,688 mt). The jig fishery closed on April 14, with a total harvest of 7.14 million pounds (3,239 mt). The Kodiak Area is designated as an exclusive registration area for the state-waters Pacific cod season.

**Chignik**

The state-waters Pacific cod fishery in Chignik opened by regulation on March 1, 2011 with a GHL of 10.38 million pounds (4,700 mt). The GHL is calculated as 8.75% of the Central GOA Pacific cod ABC and is apportioned 90% to pot gear and 10% to mechanical jig and hand troll gear. The fishery closed to vessels using pot gear on March 17, 2011 with a total pot harvest of 9.37 million pounds (4,250 mt). The fishery remains open to vessels using jig gear, total jig harvest to date is 78,000 pounds (35 mt) or 7.5% of the jig allocation. The area is designated as a superexclusive registration area for the state-waters Pacific cod season.

**South Alaska Peninsula (SAP)**

The Pacific cod fishery for the SAP opened on February 25, seven days after the close of the NMFS inshore component of the Western GOA Pacific cod fishery. The 2011 GHL is 16.74 million pounds (7,600 mt) or 25% of the Western GOA Pacific cod ABC. Vessels participating in the SAP fishery may not exceed 58 feet in overall length. Pot vessel harvest is capped at 85% with the remaining GHL allocated to jig vessels. The fishery closed to pot gear on March 11 with a total harvest of 14.36 million pounds (6,513 mt) and to pot gear on April 26 with at total harvest of 2.43 million pounds (1,102 mt). The SAP is designated as an exclusive registration area fishery.

Figure 1

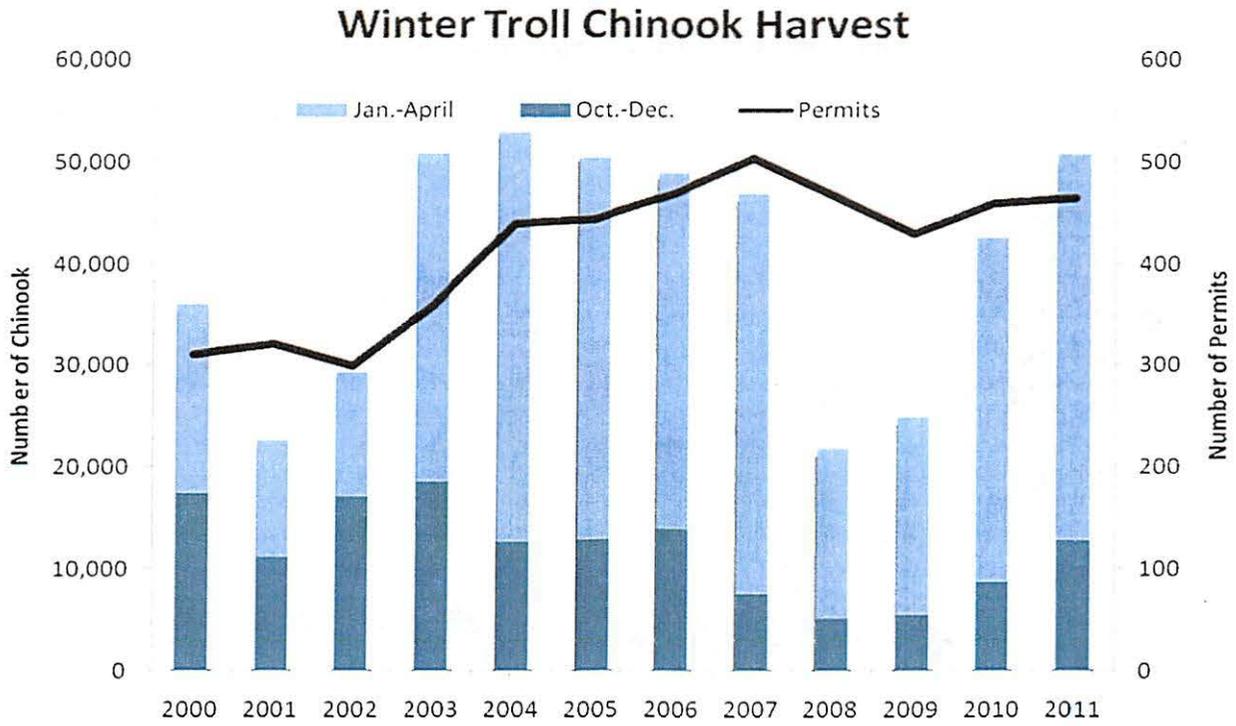


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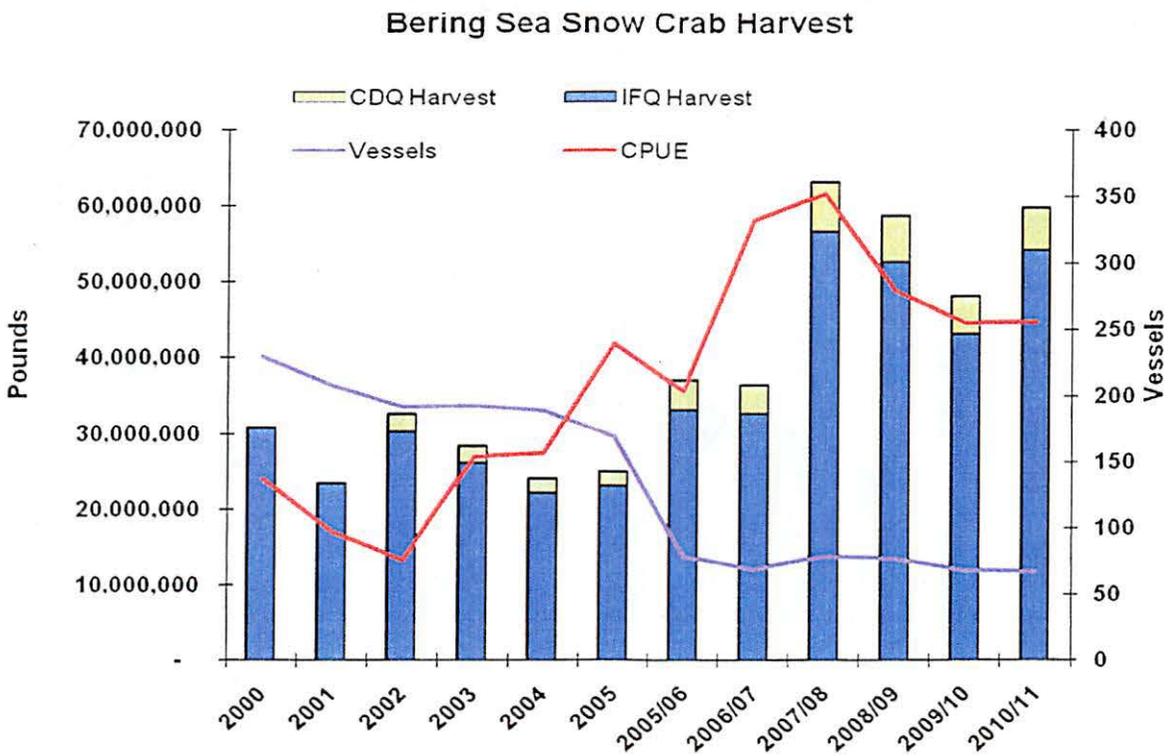


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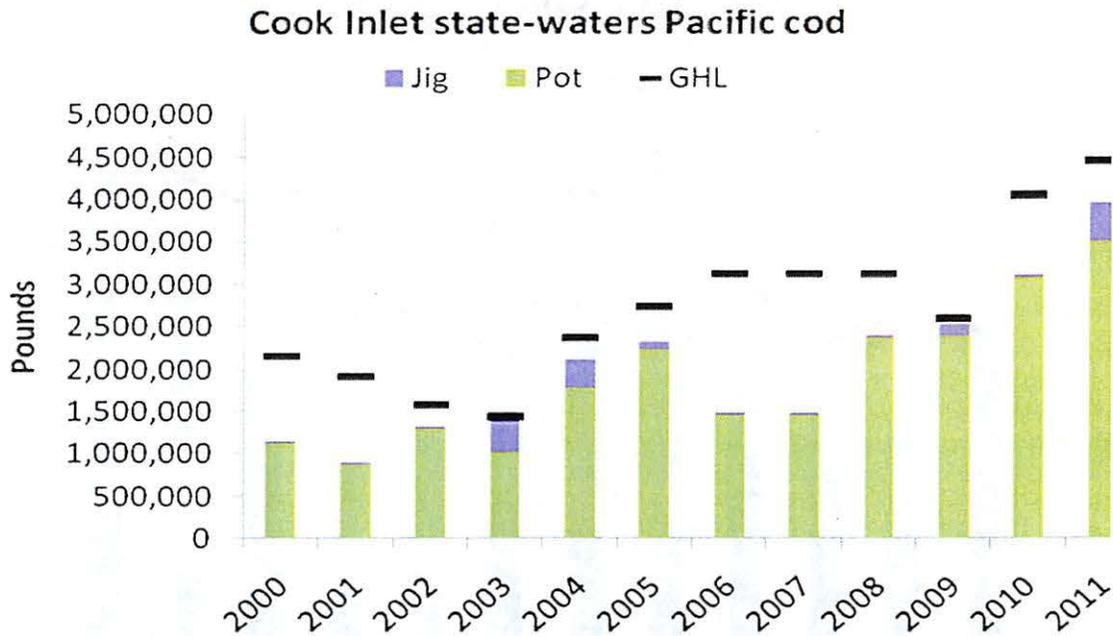


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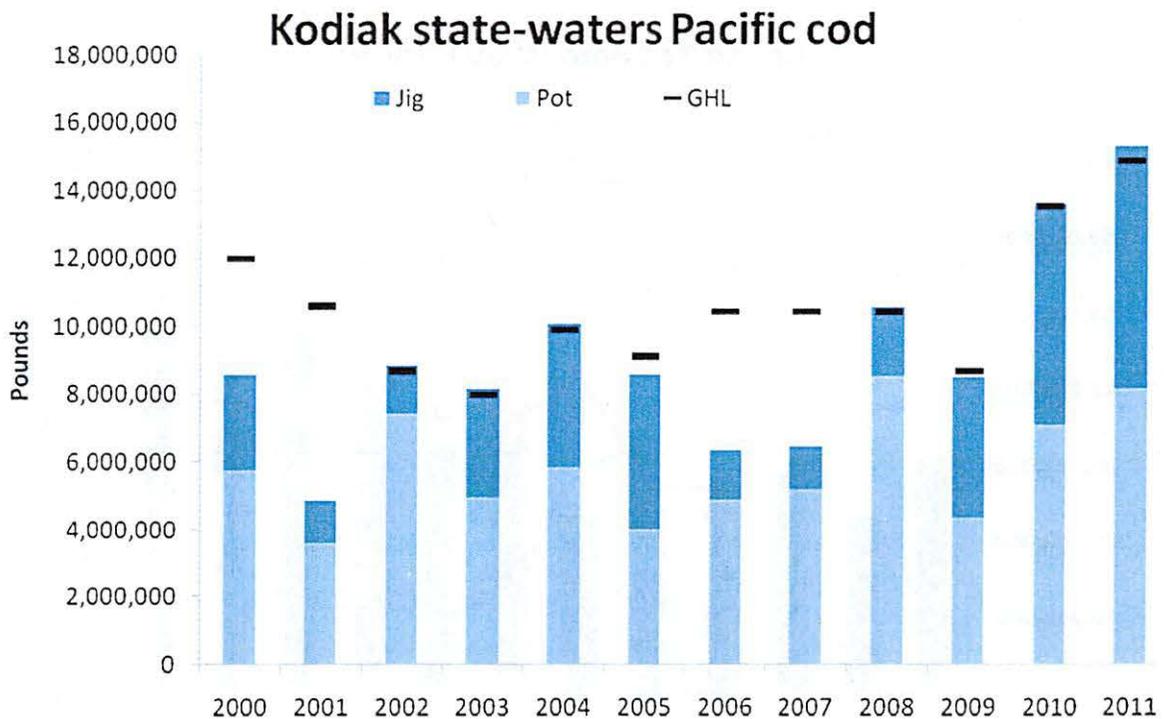


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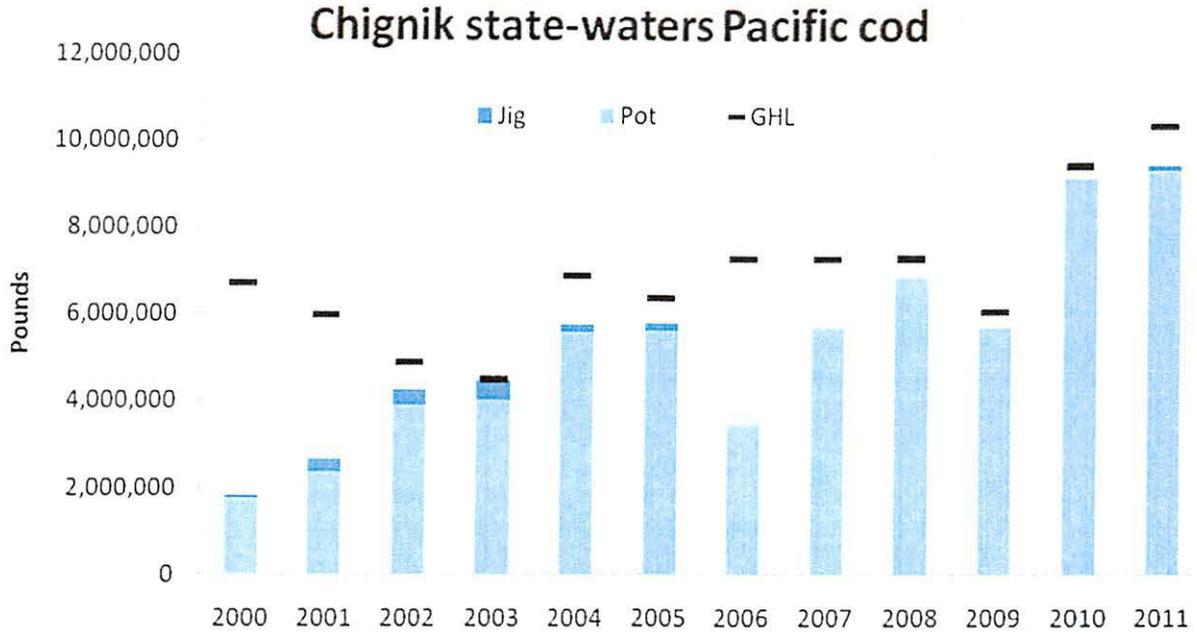


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