

**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 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. The western fishery is still open and to date three vessels have harvested 2.72 million pounds (91% of TAC). The golden king crab fishery in the Aleutian Islands remains open until the TAC is achieved or through May 15, 2014, whichever occurs first.

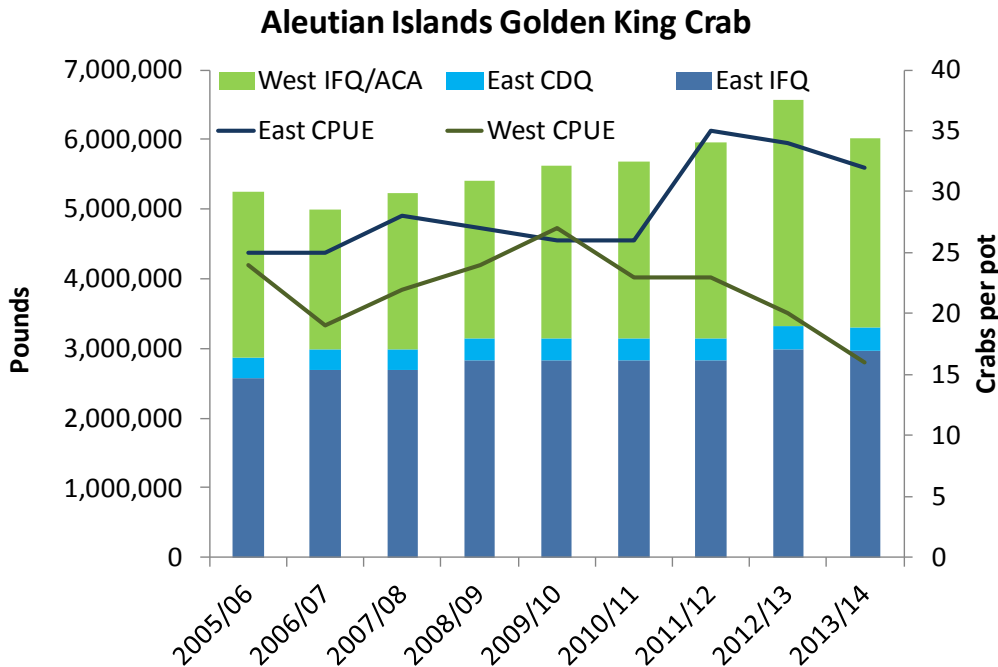


Figure 1. Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest by area, 2005/06 – 2013/14.

**Bering Sea Snow Crab**

The Bering Sea snow crab fishery opened on October 15, 2013 and will remain open through May 15, 2014 in the eastern Subdistrict and through May 31, 2014 in the western Subdistrict. The 2013/14 snow crab TAC is 53.98 million pounds. Ten percent of the TAC is allocated to the CDQ fishery. Total harvest in the IFQ and CDQ fisheries is 52.58 million pounds (97% of TAC). Seven vessels are currently participating.

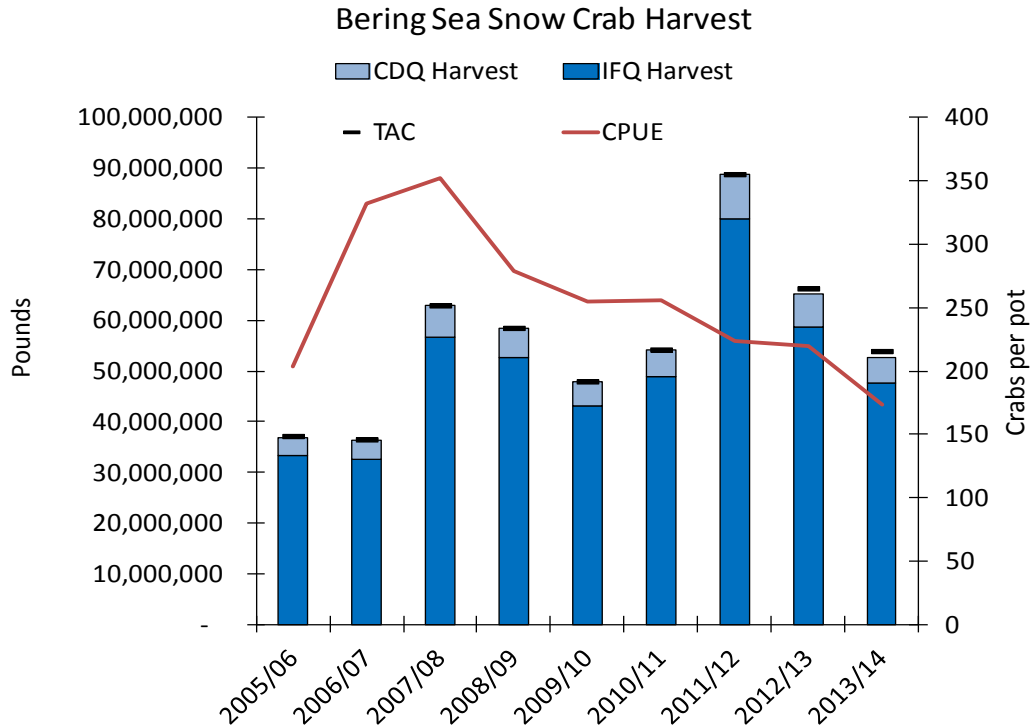


Figure 2. Bering Sea snow crab harvest, 2005 – 2013/14.

**Bering Sea Tanner crab**

The Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery opened on October 15, 2013 and closed by regulation on March 31, 2014. The fishery is managed east and west of 166° N lat. and the 2013/14 TAC is 1.463 million pounds in the eastern Subdistrict and 1.645 million pounds in the western Subdistrict. CDQ fisheries are allocated 10% of each TAC. Tanner crab may be retained as bycatch (up to 5%) in either the directed Bristol Bay red king crab or Bering Sea opilio crab fisheries. Total harvest in the Eastern Subdistrict was 1.46 million pounds and 1.29 million pounds in the Western Subdistrict.

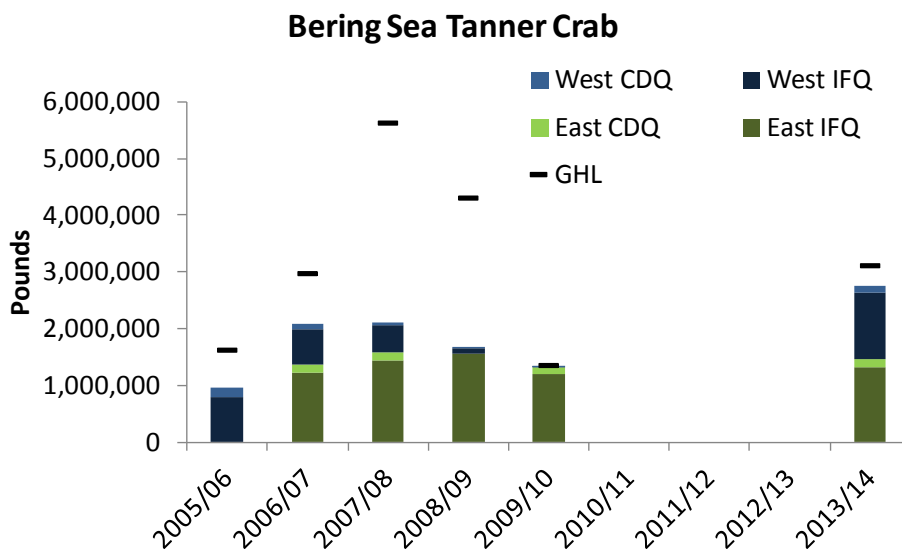


Figure 4. Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest by area, 2005/06 – 2013/14.

**Central Region Pacific Cod  
Prince William Sound**

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 state-waters longline season opened concurrent with the IFQ Halibut season on March 21 and closed five days later on March 26, 2014. The 2014 GHL was 1.46 million pounds and is calculated as 25 percent of the federal Eastern Gulf ABC. The Prince William Sound state-waters season has an exclusive registration designation. Total harvest by 30 longline vessels was 1.33 million pounds.

Prince William Sound state-waters Pacific cod

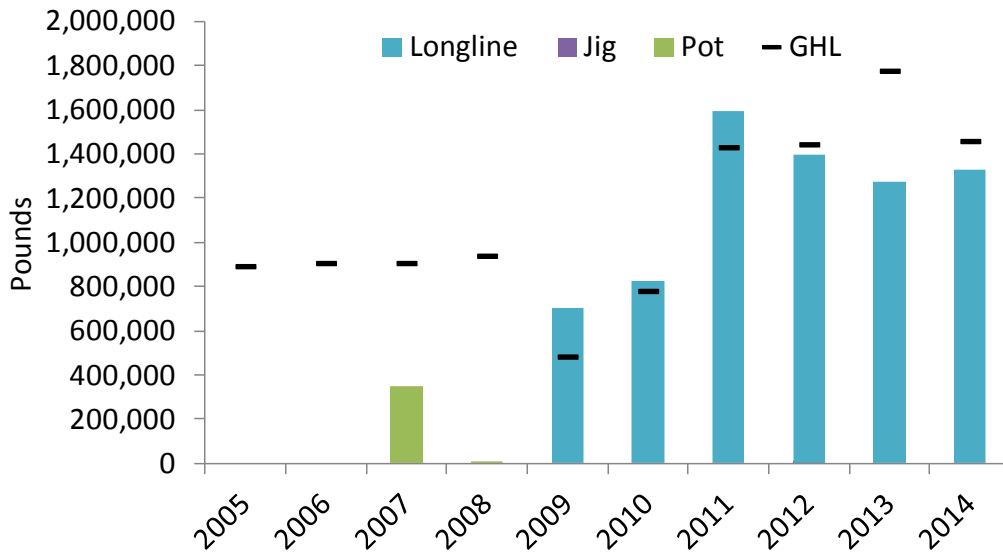


Figure 5. Prince William Sound state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

**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 was is 4.39 million pounds and is calculated as 3.75 percent of the ABC for the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area. The GH L is allocated 75% to pot gear and 25% to jig gear. Pot vessels larger than 58 feet are limited to 25% of the total GH L 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 March is 2.57 million pounds.

### Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod

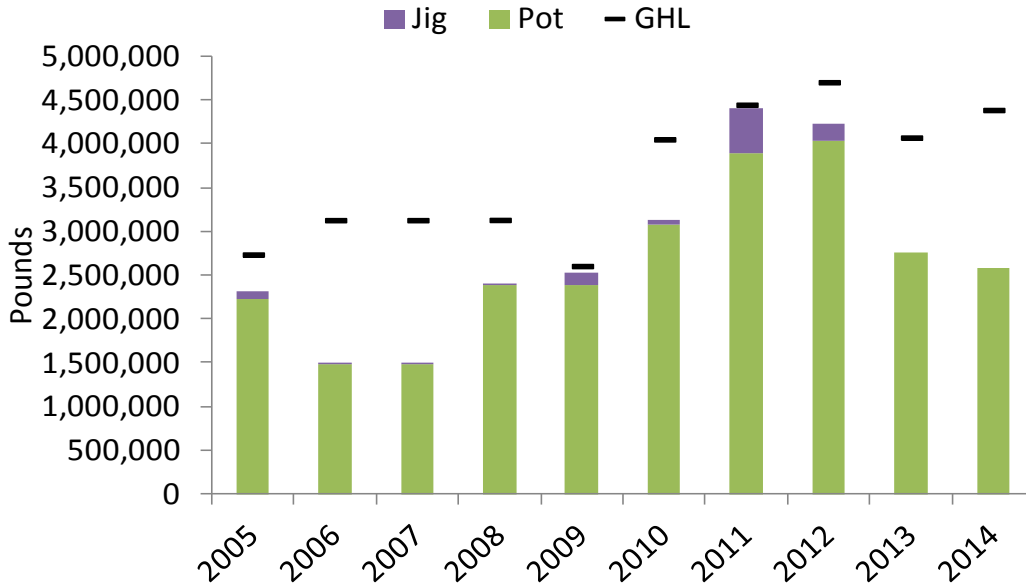


Figure 6. Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

### 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. 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 796,000 pounds.

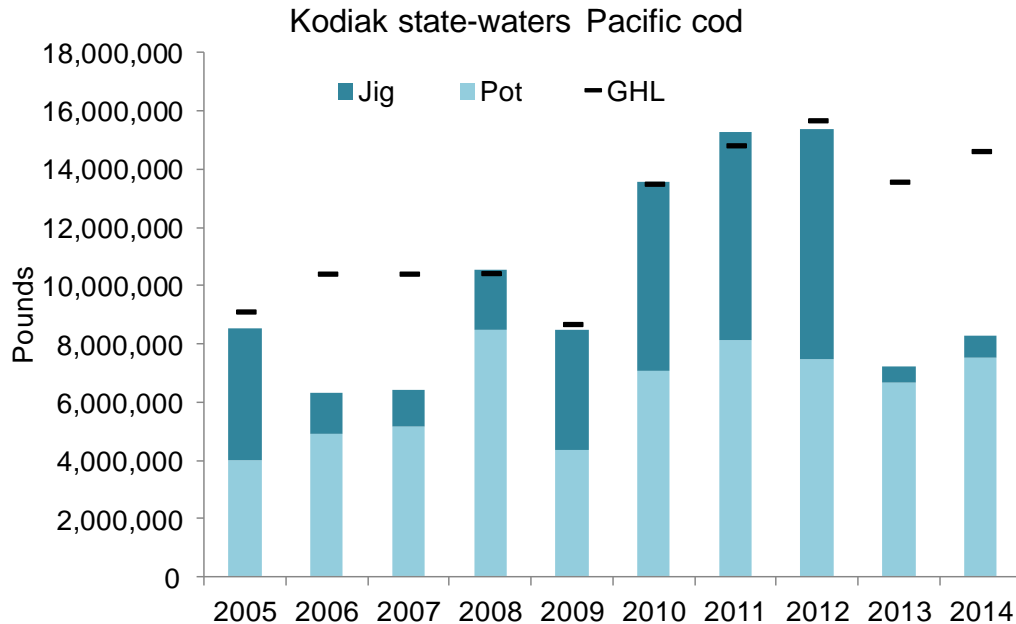


Figure 7. Kodiak state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

**Chignik Pacific Cod**

The 2014 GHL is calculated as 8.75 percent of the Central GOA Pacific cod ABC and is set at 10.243 million pounds, with pot vessels targeting 90 percent of that amount. The area is designated superexclusive registration for the state-waters Pacific cod season. The state-waters jig fishery in Chignik opened on March 15 and no vessels have registered to participate. The state-waters pot season opened on March 1 and closed on March 19, 2014. Total harvest by 12 pot vessels was 9.15 million pounds.

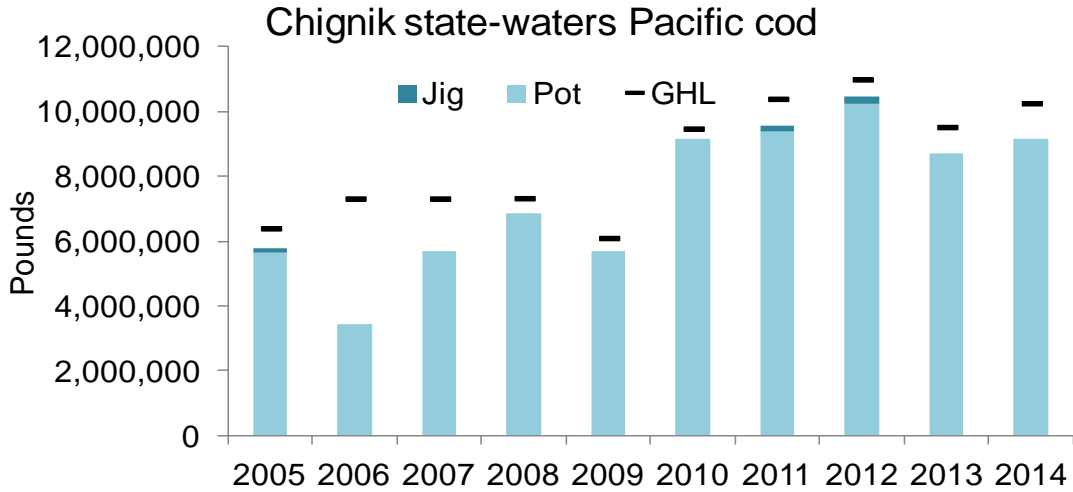


Figure 8. Chignik state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

**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 to date, 15 vessels have harvested a total of 447,000 pounds.

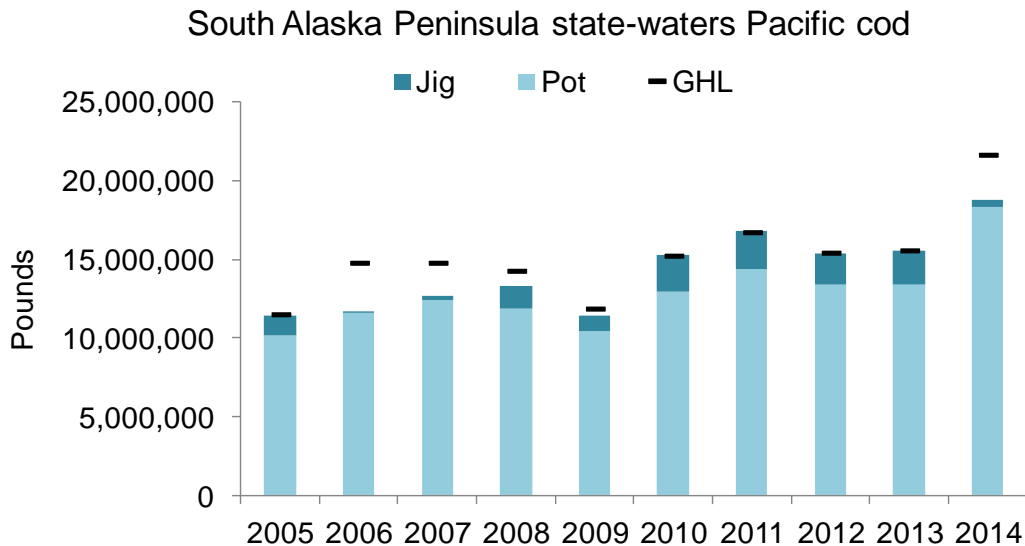


Figure 9. South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod harvest by gear, 2005- 2014.

### 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 BSAI 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 April 7, 2014 is 10.07 million pounds. Weekly participation has ranged from six to 10 vessels; currently seven vessels are active in the fishery.

#### Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-water Pacific cod

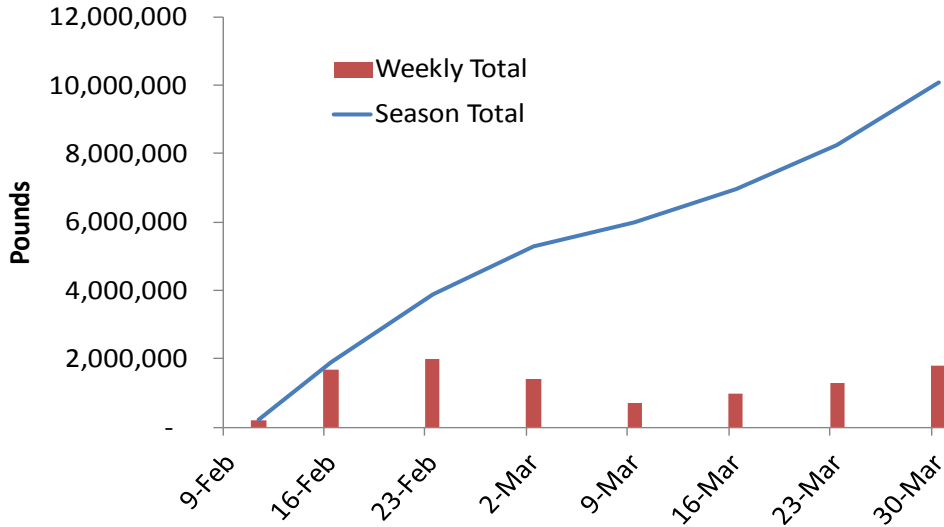


Figure 10. Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod harvest by week, 2014.

### 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 was expanded to include all state waters west of 170° W long. and vessel length limits increased for pot and non-pelagic trawl vessels to 125 feet and 100 feet, respectively. Currently, four pot vessels and two trawl vessels are participating. Total harvest remains confidential given the number of processors. At current catch rates, the fishery is anticipated to remain open through April.

### Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod

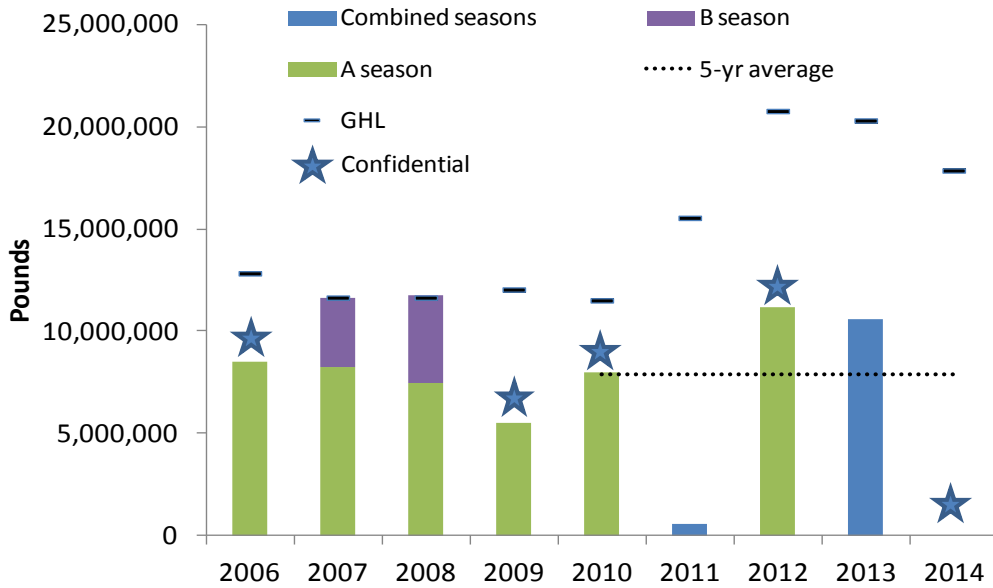


Figure 11. Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod harvest by season, 2006- 2014.

### Alaska Board of Fisheries

Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues: [Meeting Information](#)

March 17 – 21, 2014

Action	Proposal	Description
C/A	345	Allow king crab be taken by hand line during winter commercial fishery in the Norton Sound Section. Amended by <a href="#">RC 53</a>
C/A	346	Adjust red king crab harvest strategy. Amended by <a href="#">RC 54</a>
F	348	Increase harvest limit for Aleutian Islands golden king crab
C/A	349	Modify Aleutian Islands golden king crab season. Amended by <a href="#">RC 62</a>
C	350	Establish districts for western Aleutian Islands golden king crab
C	351	Establish management measures for Adak red king crab fishery.
C/A	352	Close state waters between 171° W. long and 179° W. long to fishing when red king crab GHL in state-waters is less than 250,000 pounds. Amended by <a href="#">RC 72</a>
N/A	353	Establish registration deadline for Adak red king crab.
C/A	354	Open Adak red king crab fishery by emergency order July 1. Amended by <a href="#">RC 63</a>
C	355	Exempt persons and vessels participating in Adak District red king crab fishery from participation in certain other fisheries.
F	356	Add Adak as a tank inspection location for red king crab.
C	357	Amend description of Aleutian Islands king crab registration area.
C/A	358	Revise St. Matthew Island blue king crab harvest strategy. Amended by <a href="#">RC 34</a>
C/A	359	Allow groundfish pots in St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery. Amended by <a href="#">RC 64</a>

Action	Proposal	Description
N/A	360	Eliminate king crab pot marking requirements for St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery.
C	361	Modify gear marking requirements for longline pots in the Bering Sea golden king crab fishery
C/A	362	Escape ring placement for Bering Sea Tanner and snow crab fisheries. Amended by <a href="#">RC 45</a>
C	363	Clarify vessel check-out provisions in rationalized crab fisheries
F	370	Modify groundfish bycatch possession requirements

**GOA Pollock workgroup**

Committee [Meeting](#), Anchorage April 16, 2014

Task: Receive background information on Proposal 44 and review the Council's pending trawl action.