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Weights and measures (metric)		General		Mathematics, statistics	
centimeter	cm	Alaska Administrative Code	AAC	<i>all standard mathematical signs, symbols and abbreviations</i>	
deciliter	dL	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	alternate hypothesis	H_A
gram	g	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	base of natural logarithm	e
hectare	ha	at	@	catch per unit effort	CPUE
kilogram	kg	compass directions:		coefficient of variation	CV
kilometer	km	east	E	common test statistics	(F, t, χ^2 , etc.)
liter	L	north	N	confidence interval	CI
meter	m	south	S	correlation coefficient (multiple)	R
milliliter	mL	west	W	correlation coefficient (simple)	r
millimeter	mm	copyright	©	covariance	cov
		corporate suffixes:		degree (angular)	°
Weights and measures (English)		Company	Co.	degrees of freedom	df
cubic feet per second	ft ³ /s	Corporation	Corp.	expected value	E
foot	ft	Incorporated	Inc.	greater than	>
gallon	gal	Limited	Ltd.	greater than or equal to	≥
inch	in	District of Columbia	D.C.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
mile	mi	et alii (and others)	et al.	less than	<
nautical mile	nmi	et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	less than or equal to	≤
ounce	oz	exempli gratia	e.g.	logarithm (natural)	ln
pound	lb	(for example)		logarithm (base 10)	log
quart	qt	Federal Information Code	FIC	logarithm (specify base)	log ₂ , etc.
yard	yd	id est (that is)	i.e.	minute (angular)	'
		latitude or longitude	lat. or long.	not significant	NS
Time and temperature		monetary symbols (U.S.)	\$, ¢	null hypothesis	H_0
day	d	months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan, ..., Dec	percent	%
degrees Celsius	°C	registered trademark	®	probability	P
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	trademark	™	probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α
degrees kelvin	K	United States (adjective)	U.S.	probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β
hour	h	United States of America (noun)	USA	second (angular)	"
minute	min	U.S.C.	United States Code	standard deviation	SD
second	s	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)	standard error	SE
				variance	
Physics and chemistry				population sample	Var var
all atomic symbols					
alternating current	AC				
ampere	A				
calorie	cal				
direct current	DC				
hertz	Hz				
horsepower	hp				
hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH				
parts per million	ppm				
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰				
volts	V				
watts	W				

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ABSTRACT

The 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* season for pot gear is scheduled to open seven days after closure of the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot sector A-season or March 7, whichever is later. The 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear is scheduled to open 48 hours after closure of the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector A-season; however if the WGOA jig gear sector has not closed by March 15 the state-waters jig gear season may open pending assessment of effort, harvest rate, and remaining federal quota. Vessels participating in the state-waters season may not exceed 58 feet in length, and legal gear is limited to pot and jig gear. No more than 60 pots or five mechanical jigging machines may be operated from a vessel. The 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters season Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 15.45 million pounds. Pot vessels are allocated 85 percent of the total GHL or 13.13 million pounds. Jig vessels are allocated 15 percent of the total GHL or 2.32 million pounds. Effective inseason management is dependent upon timely and accurate communication between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the fishing fleet. In the absence of reliable inseason harvest information, ADF&G will adopt conservative management measures which may result in lost fishing opportunity.

Key words: Pacific cod, *Gadus macrocephalus*, South Alaska Peninsula Area, harvest strategy, regulations, guideline harvest level, state-waters season, parallel season.

INTRODUCTION

AREA DESCRIPTION

The South Alaska Peninsula Area consists of all waters of Alaska in the Pacific Ocean between a line extending 135° southeast from Kupreanof Point (55°33.98' N lat, 159°35.88' W long) and 170° W long, including those waters south of the latitude of Nichols Point (54°51.30' N lat) near False Pass, and south of a line extending from Unimak Island (54°23.74' N lat, 164°44.73' W long) to Akun Island (54°11.71' N lat, 165°23.09' W long), and from Akun Island (54°08.40' N lat, 165°38.29' W long) to Akutan Island (54°07.69' N lat, 165°39.74' W long), and from Akutan Island (54°02.69' N lat, 166°02.93' W long) to Unalaska Island (53°58.97' N lat, 166°16.50' W long), and from Unalaska Island (53°18.95' N lat, 167°51.06' W long) to Umnak Island (53°23.13' N lat, 167°50.50' W long), and from Umnak Island (52°49.24' N lat, 169°07.10' W long), to Chuginadak Island (52°49.18' N lat, 169°40.47' W long; Figure 1).

OVERVIEW

Two distinct Pacific cod *Gadus macrocephalus* fisheries occur within state waters (0–3 nmi) of the South Alaska Peninsula Area. The first fishery is prosecuted concurrent to the federal Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) Pacific cod fishery and is referred to as the parallel fishery. The parallel fishery is managed by adopting most National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) rules and management actions. The second Pacific cod fishery is the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters fishery. The state-waters fishery is independent of the federal/parallel fishery and is managed exclusively by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) under guidelines developed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) recently established unique Pacific cod harvest allocations for pot, jig, trawl, and longline gear sectors within the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod fishery. Beginning in 2012, the federal/parallel Pacific cod season for each federal gear sector will be prosecuted independently of other Pacific cod federal gear sectors, likely resulting in staggered federal/parallel season closure dates. Prior to federal sector allocations, all gear types competed for Pacific cod during a single derby-style federal/parallel fishery.

As a result of federal Pacific cod sector allocations, the BOF modified aspects of the South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific cod management plan (5 AAC 28.577) during the fall of 2011 to ensure state-waters Pacific cod fisheries continue to provide opportunity for fishery stakeholders. The purpose of this document is to further describe recent changes in Pacific cod regulations and provide specific information on the 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season.

Parallel Season

When the federal (3–200 nmi) WGOA area is open to directed Pacific cod fishing, the state opens a concurrent parallel Pacific cod season inside state waters (0–3 nmi). Unless specifically prohibited, the same gear types in the federal Pacific cod fishery are allowed in the parallel fishery although non-pelagic trawl vessels are prohibited from fishing inside most state waters (5 AAC 39.164, NON-PELAGIC TRAWL GEAR RESTRICTIONS).

With the exception of vessels using jig gear, all vessels that participate in the parallel fishery must have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS; 5 AAC 28.087 (c)). All vessels targeting Pacific cod during the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel fishery are restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length (5 AAC 28.577 (b)). Steller sea lion restrictions during the South Alaska Peninsula parallel fishery match federal management measures (5 AAC 28.087) with the exception of the haulout on Caton Island.

All vessel operators or agents must obtain a Westward Region parallel groundfish registration from ADF&G prior to fishing. Vessel operators that fish exclusively in the South Alaska Peninsula parallel Pacific cod fishery are not required to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or Pacific cod gear endorsement administered through the federal License Limitation Program (LLP). Vessel operators that possess a FFP and participate in the parallel fishery are responsible for understanding federal regulations regarding observer coverage and logbook requirements unless they relinquish their federal permit.

The WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod fishery is divided into two seasons; the A-season and B-season. The federal/parallel Pacific cod A-season opens January 1 for the pot, longline, and jig gear sectors and January 20 to the trawl gear sector. The federal/parallel Pacific cod A-seasons for pot, longline, and trawl gear sectors close when their respective sector harvest allocations are met or when applicable incidental bycatch limits for Pacific halibut are achieved. The federal/parallel Pacific cod A-season for the jig gear sector closes when the jig gear sector harvest allocation is achieved. If federal/parallel A-season jig sector harvest allocation has not been achieved by March 15, the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A-season may close on March 15 or later depending on ADF&G's ability to provide for orderly fisheries based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota.

The WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig sector B-season opens on June 10. The federal/parallel B-season opens for all other gear sectors on September 1. The federal/parallel Pacific cod B-seasons for all gear sectors close when their respective sector harvest allocations are met or when applicable incidental bycatch limits for Pacific halibut are achieved.

Within each gear sector, Pacific cod harvested during the parallel and federal fisheries count against the same sector harvest allocation. For additional information regarding federal Pacific cod fisheries contact NMFS (907-481-1780) or NMFS enforcement (907-486-3298). For additional information regarding parallel Pacific cod fisheries contact ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840).

State-Waters Season

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is an open access fishery and is prosecuted independent of the federal/parallel fishery. Specific information pertaining to the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is outlined below.

STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

Specific regulations pertaining to the South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific cod fisheries begin on page 55 of the 2011–2012 Statewide Commercial Groundfish Fishing Regulations booklet. ADF&G manages the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season in accordance with the SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA AREA PACIFIC COD MANAGEMENT PLAN (5 AAC 28.577). Following is a summary of important regulations that govern the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season.

2012 GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL

The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the state-waters Pacific cod season is based on 25 percent of the WGOA Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for Pacific cod. **The 2012 GHL for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery is 15.45 million pounds.** By regulation, 85 percent of the total GHL, or 13.13 million pounds is allocated to pot vessels while 15 percent of the total GHL, or 2.32 million pounds is allocated to jig vessels.

SEASON DATES, WEATHER DELAY, AND ROLLOVER PROVISIONS

Pot Gear Season

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear will open seven days after closure of the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season or March 7, whichever is later. The state-waters season for pot gear will close when 85 percent of the total South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific cod GHL has been harvested by pot vessels. If the state-waters pot gear GHL allocation has not been fully harvested by August 28, the state-waters pot gear season will close on August 28 to allow the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector B-season to open on September 1.

Jig Gear Season

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A-season closes. However, if the federal/parallel jig sector harvest allocation has not been harvested by March 15, ADF&G may close the parallel (0–3 nmi) jig gear sector A-season and open the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota.

If the state-waters jig season opens prior to closure of the federal jig sector season, the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters jig season (0–3 nmi) will be prosecuted concurrent to the federal (3–200 nmi) WGOA jig sector Pacific cod season. Vessels that participate in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters season will be subject to state fisheries regulations and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation. Vessels that participate in the federal WGOA jig gear sector A-season will be subject

to federal fisheries regulations and all Pacific cod harvested will be deducted from the WGOA jig gear sector A-season harvest allocation.

When the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters and WGOA federal Pacific cod seasons are open concurrently for the same gear:

- Vessels may not simultaneously participate in a South Alaska Peninsula state-waters season and any other concurrent Pacific cod season.
- Vessels registered for a state-waters season must invalidate their ADF&G South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod registration prior to participating in a federal Pacific cod season.
- Vessels participating in a federal Pacific cod season must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered prior to validating or invalidating a South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod registration.
- Vessel operators may validate or invalidate vessel registrations by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak (907-486-1840) during normal state business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM).

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will close when 15 percent of the total South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific cod GHL has been harvested by jig vessels. If the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation has not been fully harvested by June 8, the state-waters jig gear season may close on June 8 based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, or remaining quota to allow the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector B-season to open on June 10. The state-waters season for jig gear will reopen after closure of the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear sector B-season if the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation has not been achieved.

Weather Delay

The state-waters season opening dates for pot and jig gear will be delayed 24 hours if the National Weather Service marine forecast for Area 155 (Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) issued at 4:00 AM on the scheduled opening date contains gale force wind warnings for that day and night plus the following day and night. If, after the initial weather delay, the following day's 4:00 AM National Weather Service marine forecast contains gale warnings for that day and night plus the following day and night, the opening of the state-waters season will be delayed for an additional 24 hours. Weather delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis for seven days beyond the initial opening date.

Rollover Provisions

Provisions in the South Alaska Peninsula Pacific cod management plan provide additional late season fishing opportunity during years when the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL may not be fully harvested. If South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod GHL is available for harvest at the time of the federal/parallel WGOA pot gear sector B-season closure, the state-waters Pacific cod season may reopen to both pot and jig gear. If a substantial portion of the state-waters season GHL remains unharvested on or after October 30, gear limits, vessel size restrictions, and registration requirements may be removed to facilitate full harvest of the GHL. All regulatory actions regarding late season rollover provisions will be announced by ADF&G news release.

VESSEL SIZE RESTRICTIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Pacific cod may not be taken by vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season unless the vessel size restriction is removed by ADF&G and announced by news release on or after October 30. All vessels must register with ADF&G prior to participating in the state-water season. Vessel registration for the federal/parallel fishery *is not valid for the state-waters Pacific cod season*; a separate state-waters Pacific cod registration is required. The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season is an exclusive registration area fishery. Vessels registered for the 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season may not register for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season during 2012. Alternatively, if a vessel has registered for any other exclusive or superexclusive state-waters Pacific cod season outside of the South Alaska Peninsula Area during 2012, that vessel may not participate in the 2012 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season. The South Alaska Peninsula exclusive vessel registration does not apply to federal/parallel Pacific cod fisheries. Pacific cod tenders operating during the state-waters season must additionally register prior to beginning tender operations.

Pacific cod registrations may be obtained in person or by FAX at ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. Registrations may also be available at local processors in Sand Point and King Cove. Vessel operators must possess a 2012 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim use miscellaneous finfish permit card for the appropriate gear type prior to registration. CFEC and other fishery related contact information is located in Appendix A1.

LEGAL GEAR, GEAR LIMITS, AND BUOY TAGS

Pot and jig gear are the only legal gear types during the state-waters Pacific cod season. Vessels may not use pot and jig gear at the same time. However, vessel operators may change gear registration by contacting the Kodiak ADF&G office (Appendix A1). During the state-waters season, groundfish pots of any size may be used to take Pacific cod although pot gear individual tunnel eye openings must be 36 inches in perimeter or less. All pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape mechanism (5 AAC 39.145 *ESCAPE MECHANISM FOR SHELLFISH AND BOTTOMFISH POTS*). Pots must contain an opening 18 inches or greater in length placed within six inches of the bottom of the pot laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100 percent cotton twine no larger than 30 thread count. No more than 60 groundfish pots may be operated from a vessel, unless the pot limit has been rescinded by ADF&G news release on or after October 30.

Buoy tags are required for pot gear when the 60 pot limit is in effect. Tags should be placed on the main buoy or trailer buoy and are available from the Kodiak and Dutch Harbor ADF&G offices. Buoy tags may also be seasonally available in Sand Point and King Cove prior to the season opening date. A valid 2012 miscellaneous finfish CFEC permit card for pot gear is required to receive tags.

If buoy tags are lost during the season, replacement tags may be obtained by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak or Dutch Harbor. The vessel owner, operator, or agent must complete and submit an affidavit form to ADF&G describing how the tags were lost and supply the location and unique number(s) of each lost tag. Pots with lost tags may remain in the water but those pots must be secured open with bait and bait containers removed until replacement tags are obtained.

Vessels using mechanical jigging machines are restricted to using no more than five mechanical jigging machines unless the jig limit has been rescinded by ADF&G on or after October 30. Each of the five permissible lines may have no more than 30 hooks. Vessels may operate both hand troll and mechanical jigging gear at the same time; however, separate CFEC cards and fish tickets are required for each gear type at the time of landing.

BUOY MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Buoys attached to pots must comply with 5 AAC 28.050 *LAWFUL GEAR FOR GROUND FISH*. All groundfish pots must be marked with the permanent ADF&G vessel number that corresponds with the ADF&G vessel number operating that gear. The buoy containing the five-digit ADF&G number may not be marked with any additional numbers; however, symbols and letters are acceptable on this buoy. Trailer buoys used to mark ownership or string sequence may be marked with any desired numbers, symbols, or letters.

POT STORAGE AND LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Following closure of a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod season, groundfish pots may be stored with all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured fully open on rectangular pots and doors not secured closed on pyramid and conical pots in waters at depth (greater than 25 fathoms) for a maximum of seven days following the closure date. After seven days following a closure, groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored in waters 25 fathoms or less.

Beginning in 2012, if the time period between closure of the WGOA federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A-season and the start of the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters pot gear season is more than seven days, all pot gear inside state-waters (0–3 nmi) must be placed into legal storage (25 fathoms or less). In this situation, gear may not be placed on the fishing grounds (greater than 25 fathoms) until the start of the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod season. Contact NMFS enforcement (Appendix A1) regarding gear storage in federal waters.

Landing requirements are specified in 5 AAC 28.581 on page 59 in the groundfish regulations booklet. With two exceptions, vessels participating in the state-waters Pacific cod season are required to deliver their catch within 48 hours after a closure. Vessels may have Pacific cod onboard after the 48-hour period following a closure only when 1) the cod were harvested as allowable bycatch in another directed fishery, or 2) the vessel has been delayed due to extraordinary circumstances and the vessel operator has contacted an ADF&G representative within 48 hours following the closure and has been granted additional time to reach the port of landing.

BYCATCH

Inside state waters (0–3 nmi), ADF&G adopts the NMFS maximum retainable bycatch percentages applicable in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ; 3–200 nmi) for species that are not actively managed by the State of Alaska. Retainable bycatch percentages are subject to change and may differ between species. Unless otherwise specified, the maximum bycatch limit for any species of groundfish is 20 percent by weight of the targeted Pacific cod onboard a vessel. Notably, lingcod, dark rockfish, and octopus may be retained up to 20 percent by weight of retained Pacific cod and must be landed on the miscellaneous finfish card required to harvest Pacific cod. Black rockfish may be retained as bycatch up to 5 percent by weight of landed

Pacific cod. Vessels that are concurrently registered for the state-waters Pacific cod and the directed black rockfish fishery may retain black rockfish in excess of the 5 percent bycatch limit when the South Alaska Peninsula Area directed black rockfish fishery is open to commercial fishing. Updated retainable bycatch percentages can be found on the NMFS Alaska Region website: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/> or by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak (Appendix A1).

CONCURRENT GROUND FISH FISHERIES

Vessels may register to simultaneously participate in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season and the federally managed WGOA walleye pollock fishery in waters between 170° W long and Castle Cape (158°20' W long). Vessels actively participating in the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod fishery may leave baited pot gear on the fishing grounds while trawling for WGOA walleye pollock (5 AAC 28.556 (f)). However, those vessels must contact ADF&G staff in Kodiak prior to entering and exiting the WGOA walleye pollock fishery. Vessel operators are reminded that all state-waters Pacific cod delivery and gear storage requirements apply in the event the state-waters Pacific cod season closes while vessels are targeting walleye pollock. Vessels intending to participate in groundfish fisheries outside of waters between 170° W long and Castle Cape (158°20' W long) must first invalidate their South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod registration and legally store all pot gear. Vessel operators may also simultaneously register and participate in the directed black rockfish fishery in the South Alaska Peninsula Area.

CATCH REPORTING

ADF&G will manage the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season using inseason catch reports (Appendix B1) provided by vessel operators. By regulation, vessel operators using pot gear **must report daily** the harvest location, number of pot lifts, and pounds of Pacific cod retained in the previous 24-hour period. Inseason catch reports allow the department to consider how changes in effort, fleet behavior, tides, and weather influence harvest rates. Catch reports will be taken by satellite dispatch service, phone, fax, or e-mail. **The ADF&G Kodiak office uses the Matrix¹ dispatch service. The Kodiak office Matrix number is 7894.** Vessel operators will be asked for their preferred reporting method when registering and reporting worksheets will be issued at that time.

Reports will initially be taken at 9:00 AM daily. Reports should include the area fished, number of pot lifts, and pounds of cod retained for the previous 24-hour period (midnight to midnight).

INSEASON ANNOUNCEMENTS

The state-waters Pacific cod season will be managed using information gathered from vessel catch reports, weekly processor reports, dockside sampling information, and fish ticket data. All actions pertaining to regulatory changes in the state-waters season will be published by news release. ADF&G will make every effort to provide sufficient time for permit holders to configure gear for storage or place gear onboard before a closure; however, the potential exists for short advance notice closures.

¹ Use of trade names does not constitute an endorsement from ADF&G.

Weekly harvest updates will be released each Monday after 4:00 PM while the state-waters season is open. News releases and weekly catch updates may be obtained through the following methods:

- Available in the Kodiak ADF&G shellfish and groundfish management office, (2nd floor, 211 Mission Road) or on the ADF&G recorded message phone at (907) 486-4559.
- Posted on the searchable news release database on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main> .
- Via telephone to participating processing facilities; processors typically inform the fleet and post news releases in their offices.

FIGURES

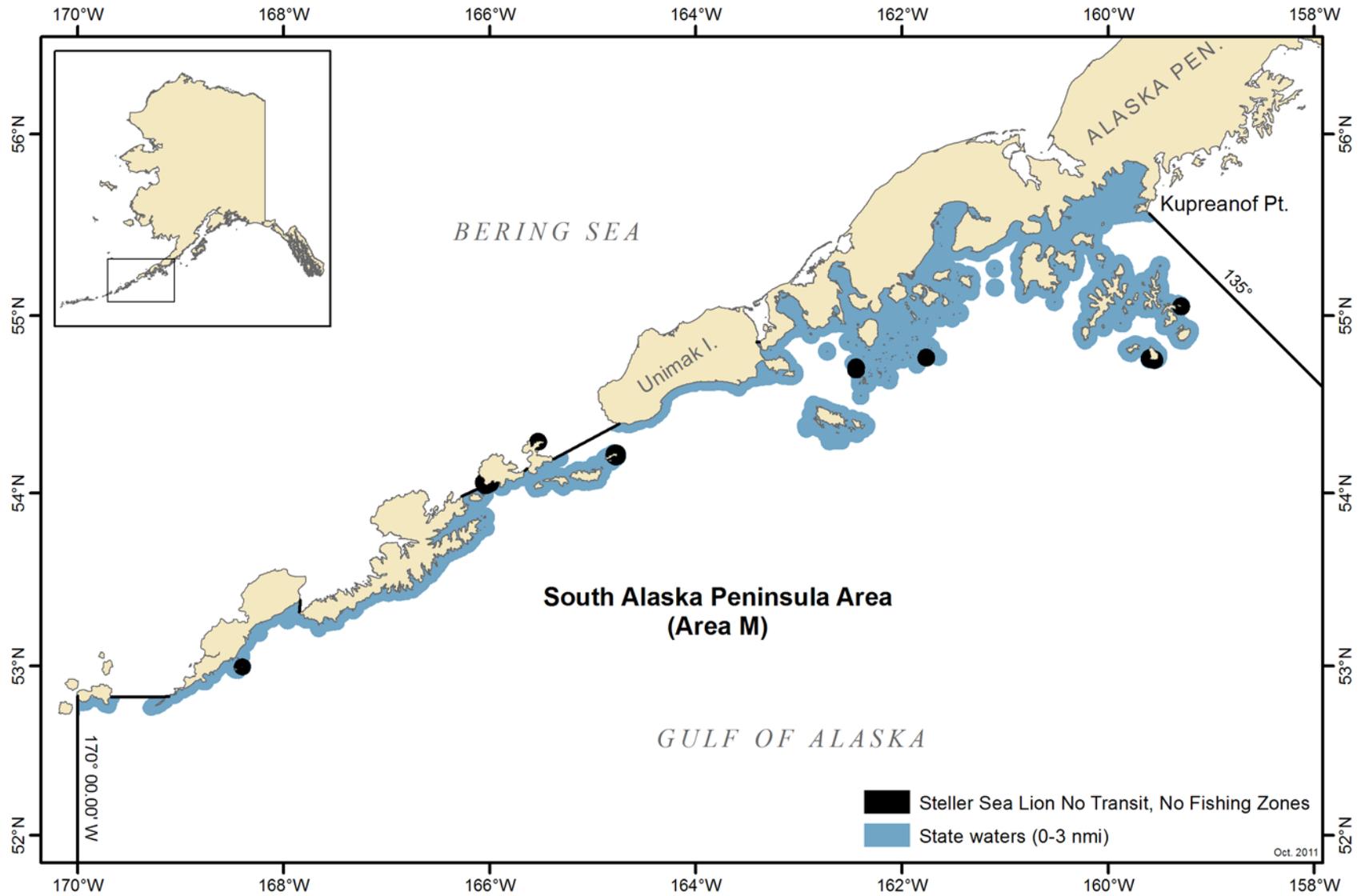


Figure 1.—South Alaska Peninsula Area for state-waters Pacific cod.

**APPENDIX A. LIST OF FISHERY CONTACTS, BY
AGENCY AND LOCATION**

Appendix A1.–List of fishery contacts, by agency and location.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByArea.southwest>

Kodiak Office

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APPENDIX B. EXAMPLE OF REPORTING WORKSHEET

