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Aleutian Islands Dist. 2011 State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level Announced

According to ADF&G's Division of Commercial Fisheries, the guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2011 Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season is 15,542,430 pounds. The GHL will be apportioned so that a maximum of 70% is available prior to June 10 (A season), and 30% plus any unharvested amount from the A season is available beginning June 10 (B season). The state-waters season will take place inside state waters of the Aleutian Islands District west of 170° W longitude.

GHL (pounds)

A Season	prior to June 10	10,879,701
B Season	beginning on June 10	4,662,729
TOTAL:		15,542,430

The state-waters Pacific cod season in the Aleutian Islands District will open, as announced in a subsequent news release, four days after the closure of the initial parallel catcher-vessel trawl season for Pacific cod in the federal Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area. The parallel Pacific cod season is closed in the Aleutian Islands west of 170° W long. during the state-waters Pacific cod season. Fishermen should note that the management plan provides for the parallel season to be opened, and the state-waters season closed, on April 1 and September 1.

The daily harvest limit of Pacific cod in the state-waters season for each vessel is 150,000 pounds round weight, with a maximum of 150,000 pounds of unprocessed Pacific cod on

board the vessel at any time. All Pacific cod caught must be retained, and any overage must be immediately reported to the department, with proceeds from the overage forfeited to the state. Enforcement action against vessel operators who incur overages of the daily or trip limit will be vigorously pursued.

For more detailed information, visit the link below:

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