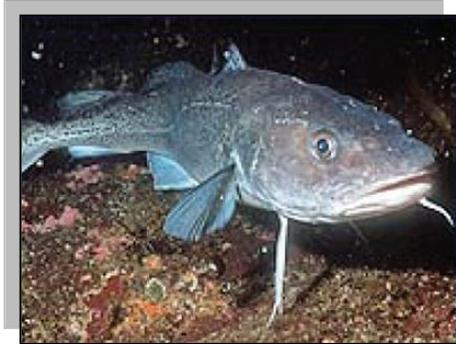




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South AK Peninsula Area State-Waters P. cod Season for Pot gear Scheduled to Open Tomorrow



The pot gear P. cod season for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters is scheduled to open tomorrow or 7 days after the closure of the WGOA federal/parallel P.Cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later.

Pot gear fishermen are gearing up for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod (P. cod) season. According to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), the season is scheduled to open tomorrow (March 7th) or seven days after closure of the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel P. cod pot gear sector A-season, whichever is later. The state-waters season for pot gear will shut down when pot vessels have caught 85 percent of the total South Alaska Peninsula Area P. cod guideline harvest level (GHL). If the state-waters pot gear GHL allocation has not been fully harvested by August 28th, the state-waters pot gear

season will close on August 28th. That will allow the WGOA federal/parallel P. cod pot gear sector B-season to open on September 1st.

According to ADF&G, the state-waters season opening dates for pot and jig gear will be postponed for 24 hours if the National Weather Service marine forecast for Area 155 (Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) issued at 4 a.m. on the scheduled opening date contains gale warnings for that day and night, plus the following day and night. ADF&G says if,

after the first weather delay, the following day's 4 a.m. 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 postponed for another 24 hours. ADF&G says weather delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis for seven days beyond the initial opening date. After seven days, the season will open despite the weather forecast.

Here's a weather link:

<http://www.arh.noaa.gov/wmofcst.php?wmo=FZAK52PAFC&type=marine>

Calendar of Fish Meetings



- **March 19 – 24, 2013 – BoF Statewide Finfish/Supplemental Issues – Anchorage Hilton.** Link to: [Agenda](#) and [Roadmap](#) .
Items of interest: Adak's proposals 245 & 246.
- **March 20 – 22, 2013 – Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee – North Pacific Research Board, 1007 W. 3rd Ave. #100, Anchorage.**
- **April 1, 2013 – 3 to 8 p.m. - Observer Advisory Committee – Advisory Panel room – Anchorage Hilton.**
- **April 1 – 9, 2013 - North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting – Anchorage Hilton.** Link to: [Draft Agenda](#)
Items of interest: Steller sea lion EIS issues; Observer Program report

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