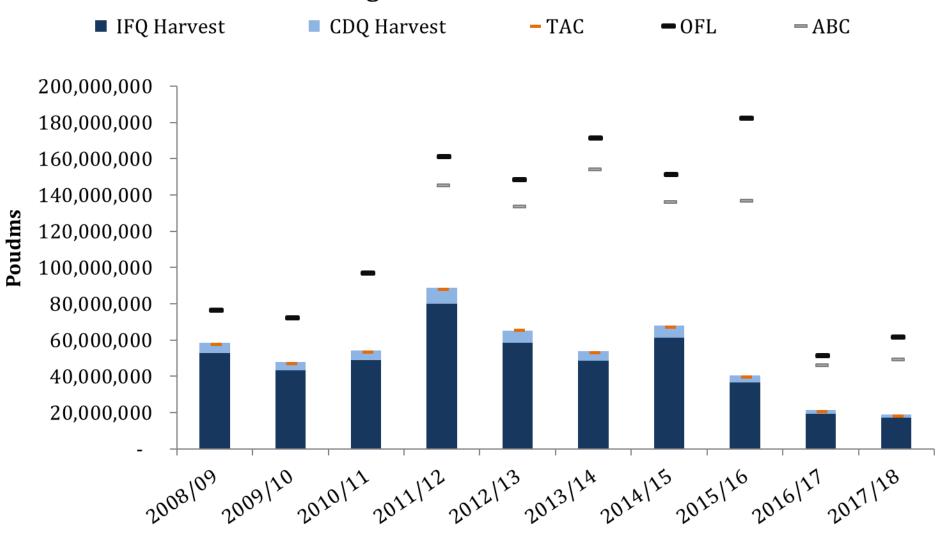
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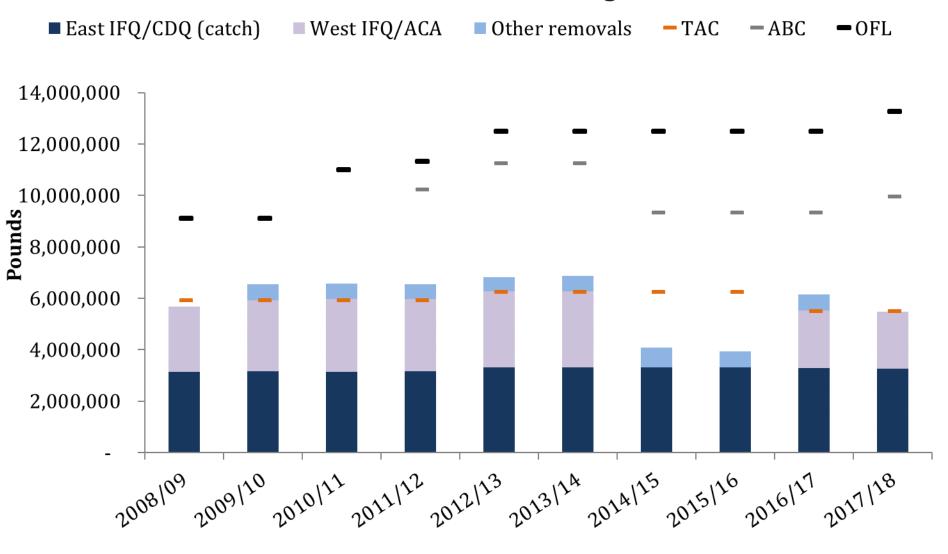


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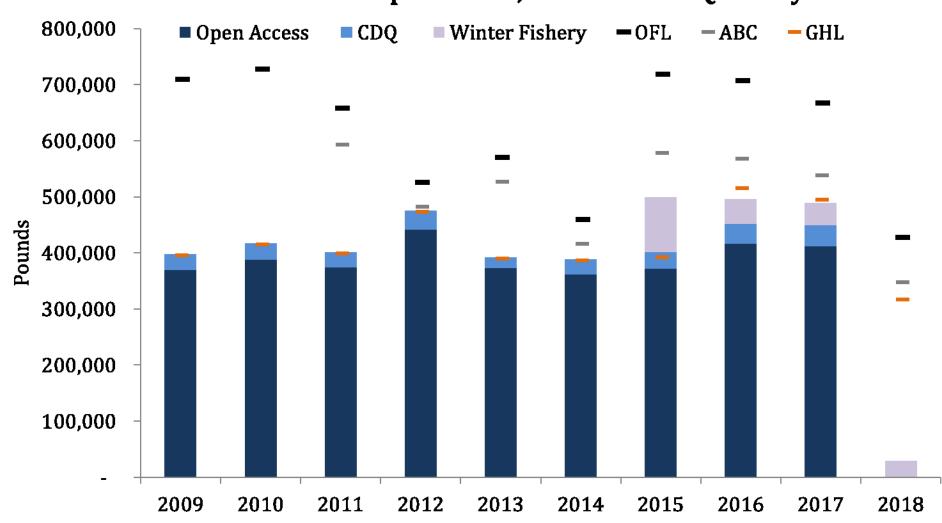
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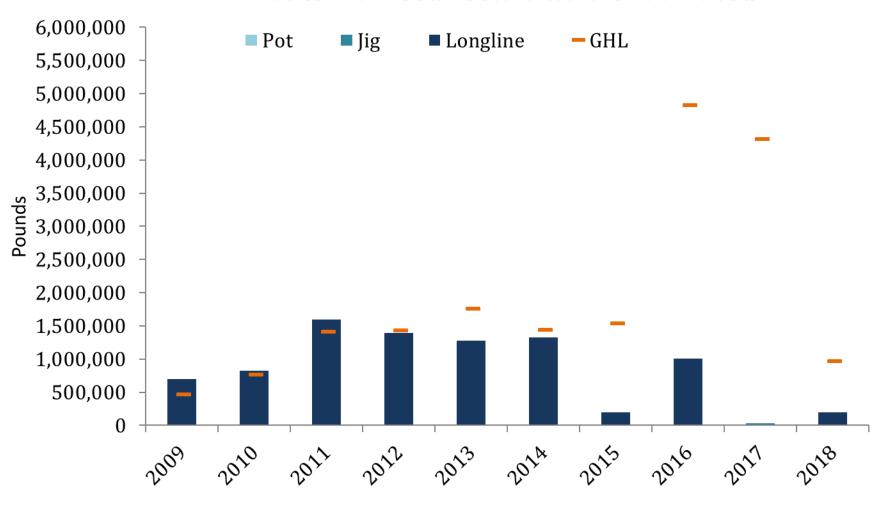
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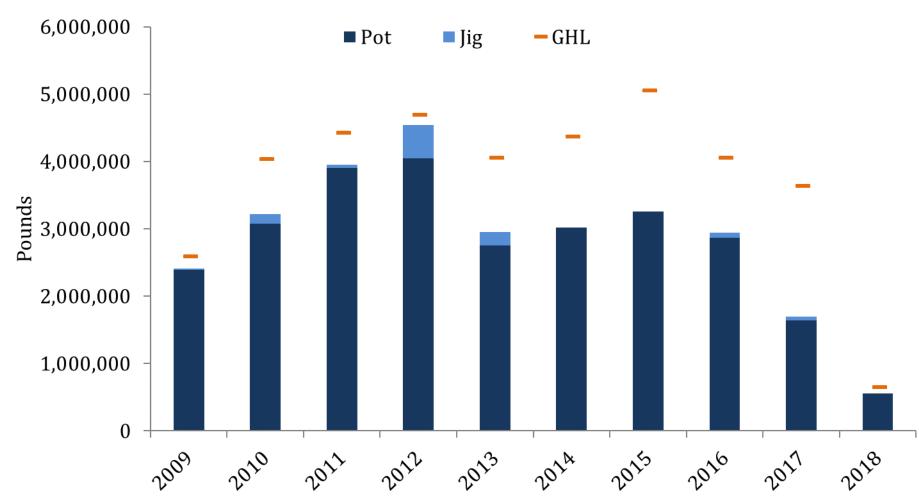
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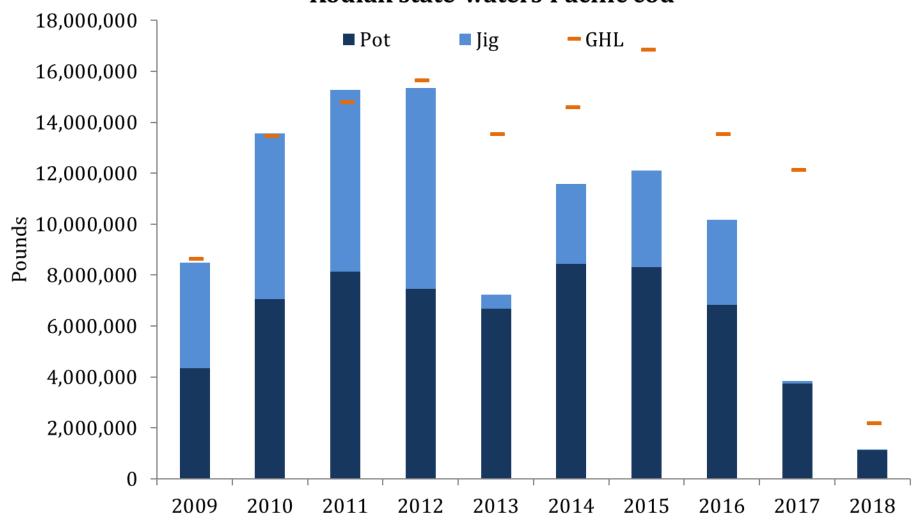
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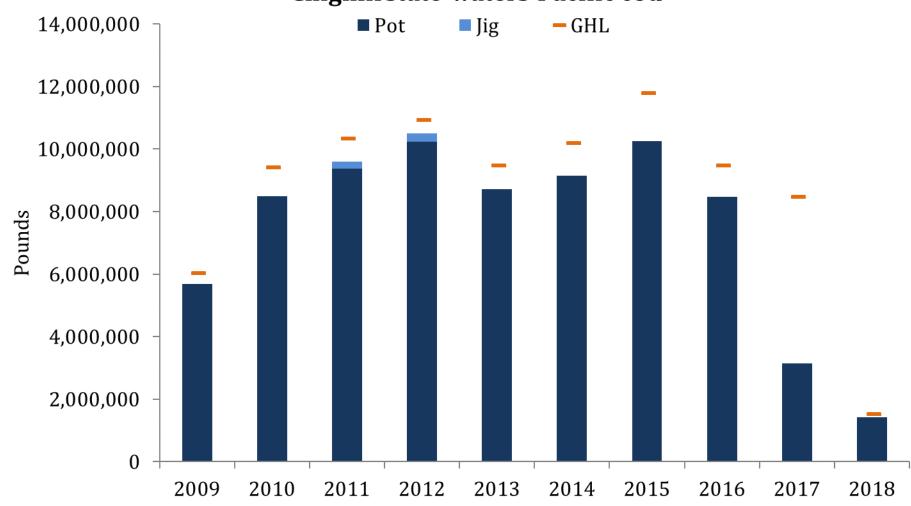
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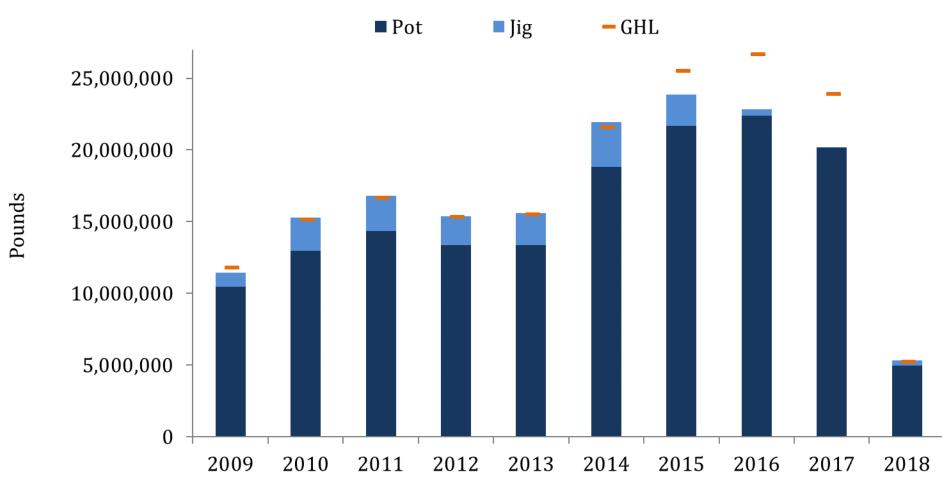








South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod



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Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State waters Pacific cod fishery

- Increase the guideline harvest level to 20% of the Bering Sea Pacific cod acceptable biological catch.
- Increase the guideline harvest level to 10% of the Bering Sea Pacific cod acceptable biological catch and expand the area eastward.
- Close waters in Area O to bottom trawling during the Pacific cod pot fishery.
- Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (two proposals).
- Limit the amount of Pacific cod onboard a vessel and require daily reports.
- Establish a quota for jig gear with a revised subarea.

Aleutian Islands State Waters Pacific cod fishery

- Limit fishing for Pacific cod in the Adak section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict to vessels 60 feet or less OAL.
- If harvest of cod by CV trawl participants in the Unrestricted Fishery in 2019 prior to March 15th diminishes the ability of CV trawl participants in the AI CV Harvest Set-Aside to access the full amount of the Set-Aside, increase the AI state waters GHL in the following year on a pound for pound basis.
- Modify the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific cod guideline harvest level from year to year.

Aleutian Islands State Waters Pacific cod fishery (continued)

- Amend the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan to reduce the GHL based on processor availability.
- Limit the number of groundfish pots per vessel in the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific cod fishery.
- Repeal and replace the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan with the management measures found in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.
- Allow longer vessels that have to fish close to a processor due to holding capacity to fish
 in the Adak Section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict.
- Eliminate the 15 million pound cap in the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan and allow the GHL to increase to the maximum potential of 39% of the ABC.

Other Pacific cod proposals

- Resolve conflict in season opening dates between Chignik Area state-waters and parallel Pacific cod fisheries.
- Remove the weather delay provision for jig gear vessels during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

All proposals can be viewed online at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook

