

Economic Aspects of Pacific cod in Gulf of Alaska

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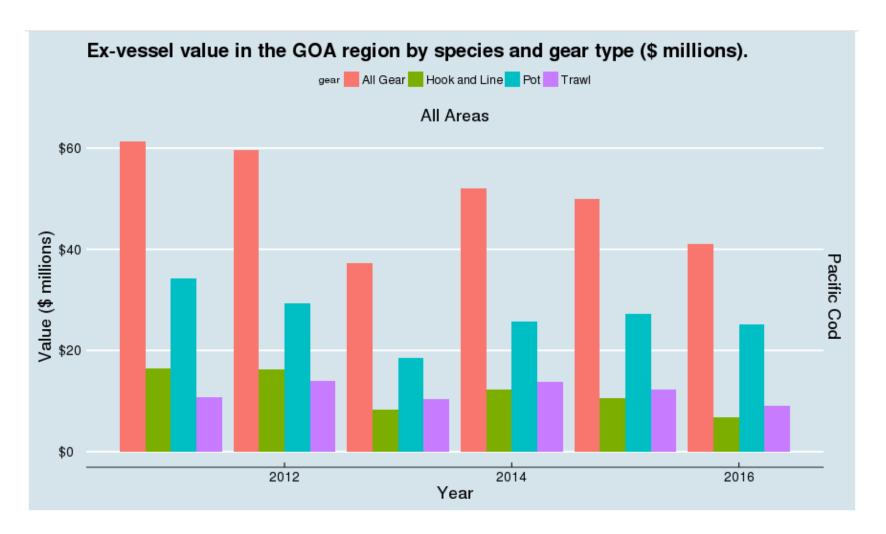
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Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod GOA ~ 20% of AK Pac. cod catch



Pacific cod's share of GOA landings: 20% of groundfish and 9% of all fisheries.



Cod as a Global Commodity

- Global supply of cod expected to have declined slightly in 2017 (down 1.4%) and more so in 2018 (5.4%) (Groundfish Forum estimates).
- Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod is roughly 4% of global supply
- Drop in GOA P. cod comes amid declines in BSAI P. cod and Atlantic cod.



Global Cod Supply



Avg 07-11

2012

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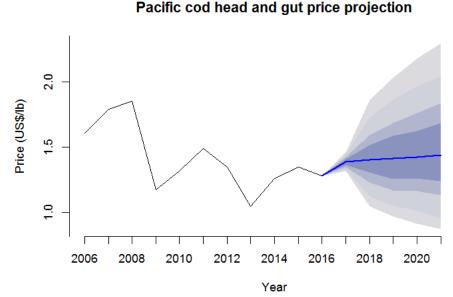
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2014

2015

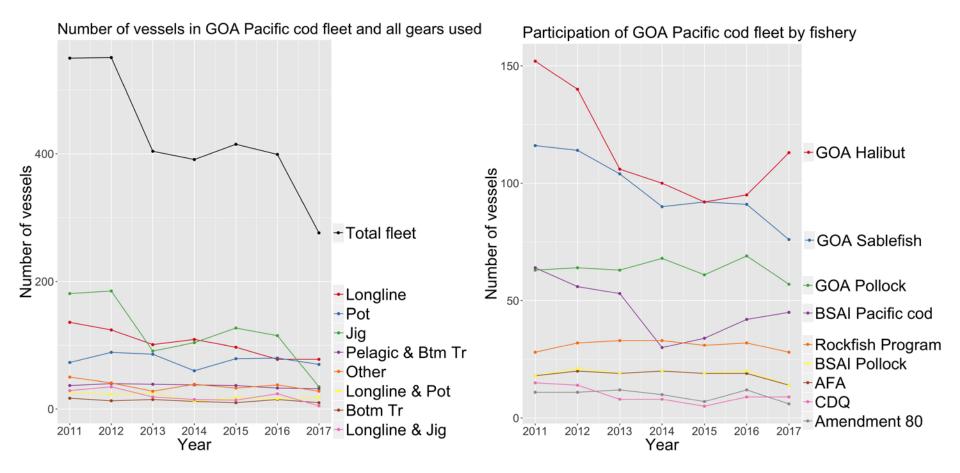
What to expect

- Cod prices are expected to increase, but global supply not decreasing at the same rate as in the GOA.
- Probably expect to increase of <10% in ex-vessel prices in 2017.
- Catch in 2017 down roughly 25%. Implies 2017 value decreased roughly 15-20%.
- Price changes between 2017 and 2018 will likely be of a similar magnitude.



 Price increases will offset some of the decrease in catch but there will still be substantial decreases in revenue.

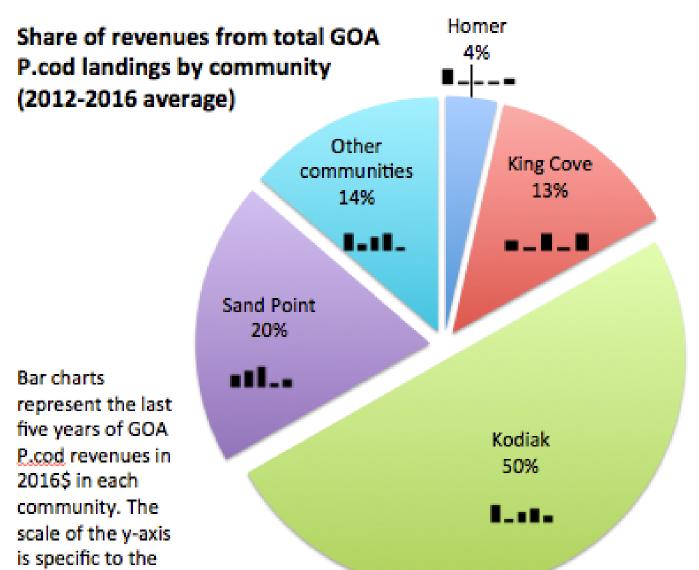




- Decline in the number of vessels targeting Pacific cod in 2017, particularly for jig vessels.
- Cross fishery participation.
- Includes fish ticket data only. 2017 data is preliminary.



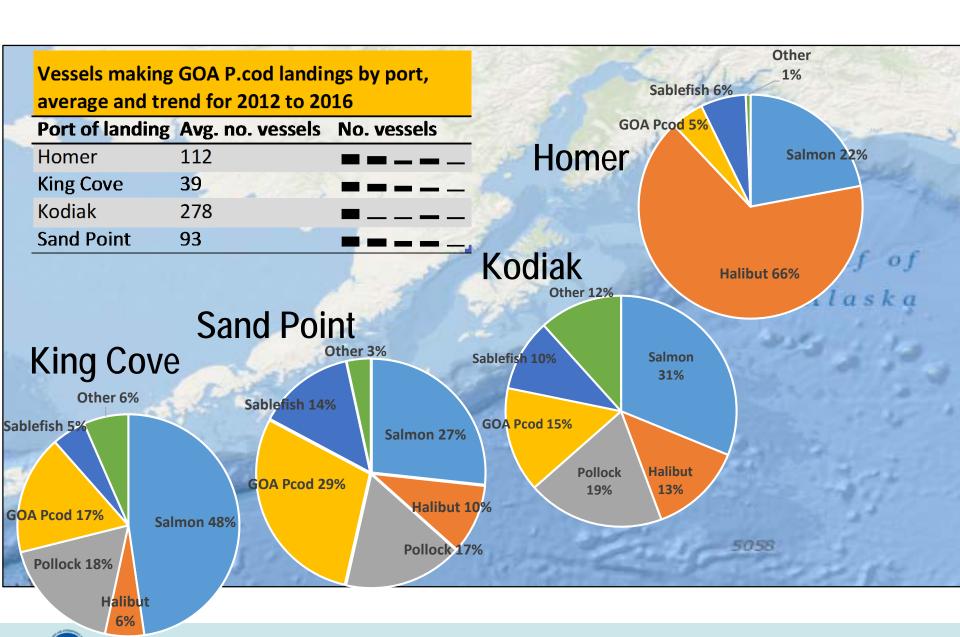
GOA Pacific cod





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