

State of Alaska Fishery Management

Senate Resources Committee

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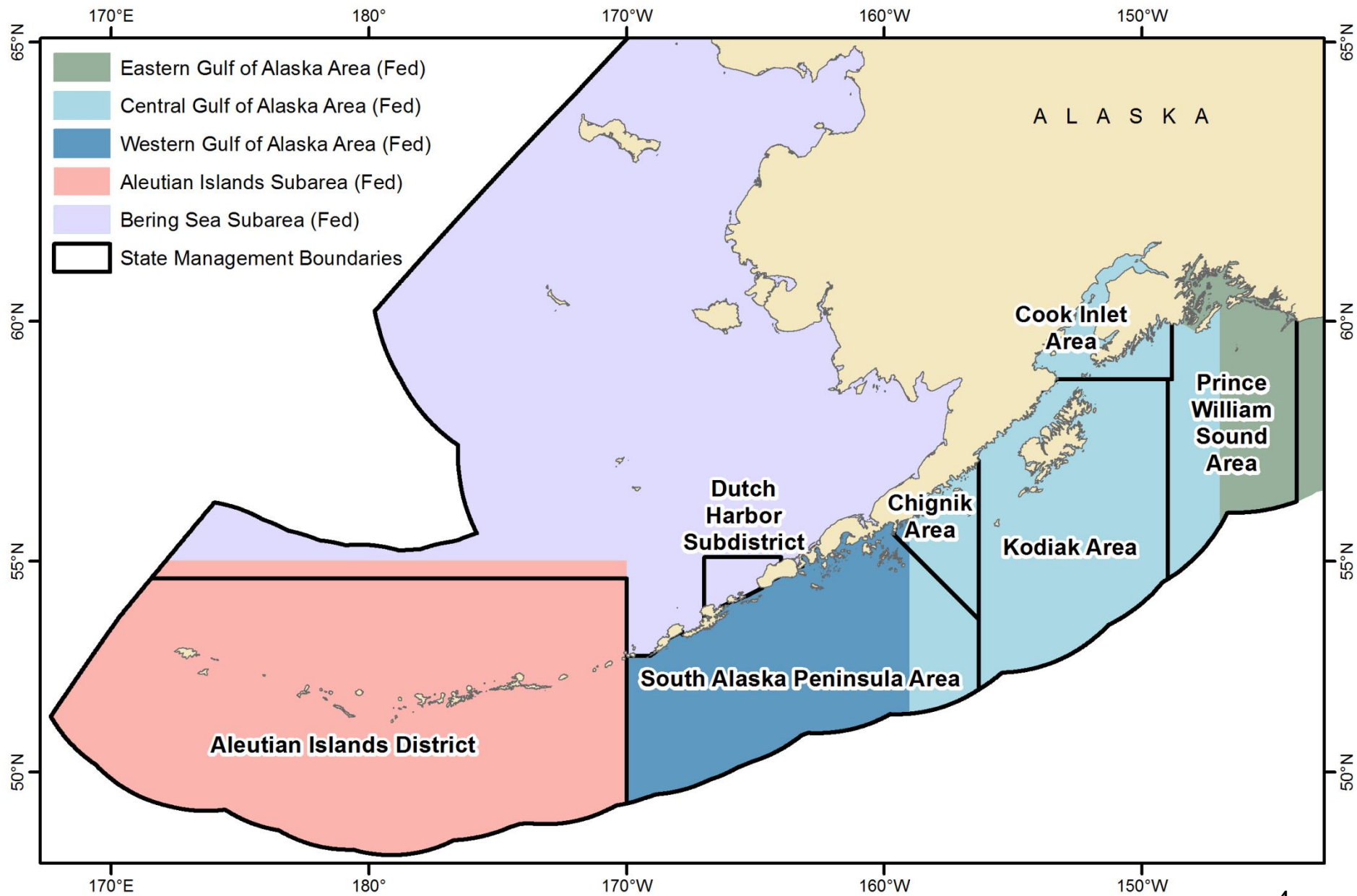
Jurisdiction of Fisheries in Alaska

- **Alaska Department of Fish & Game**
 - *Alaska Board of Fisheries*
 - *0-3 miles*
- **National Marine Fisheries Service**
 - *North Pacific Fishery Management Council*
 - *3-200 miles*

General Fishery Types



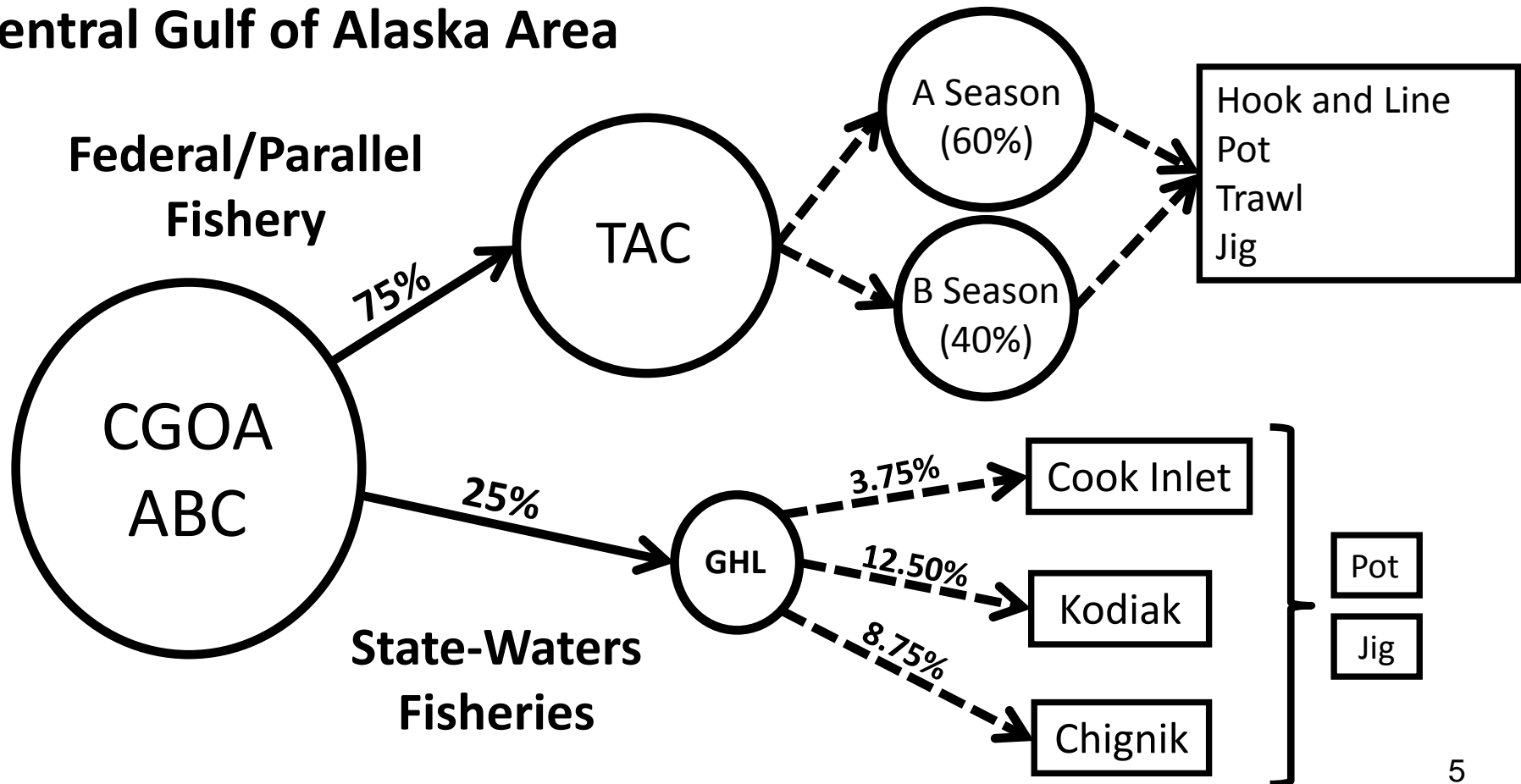
- **Federal:** Federal waters (3–200 nmi) guided by NPFMC process. Harvest deducted from federal Total Allowable Catch (TAC).
- **Parallel:** State waters (0–3 nmi) concurrent with adjacent federal fishery and generally adopt federal regulations and management measures as guided by the Board of Fisheries process. Harvest deducted from federal TAC.
- **State-Waters (GHL):** State waters (0–3 nmi) guided by the board process. Harvest deducted from state GHL.



Harvest Limits

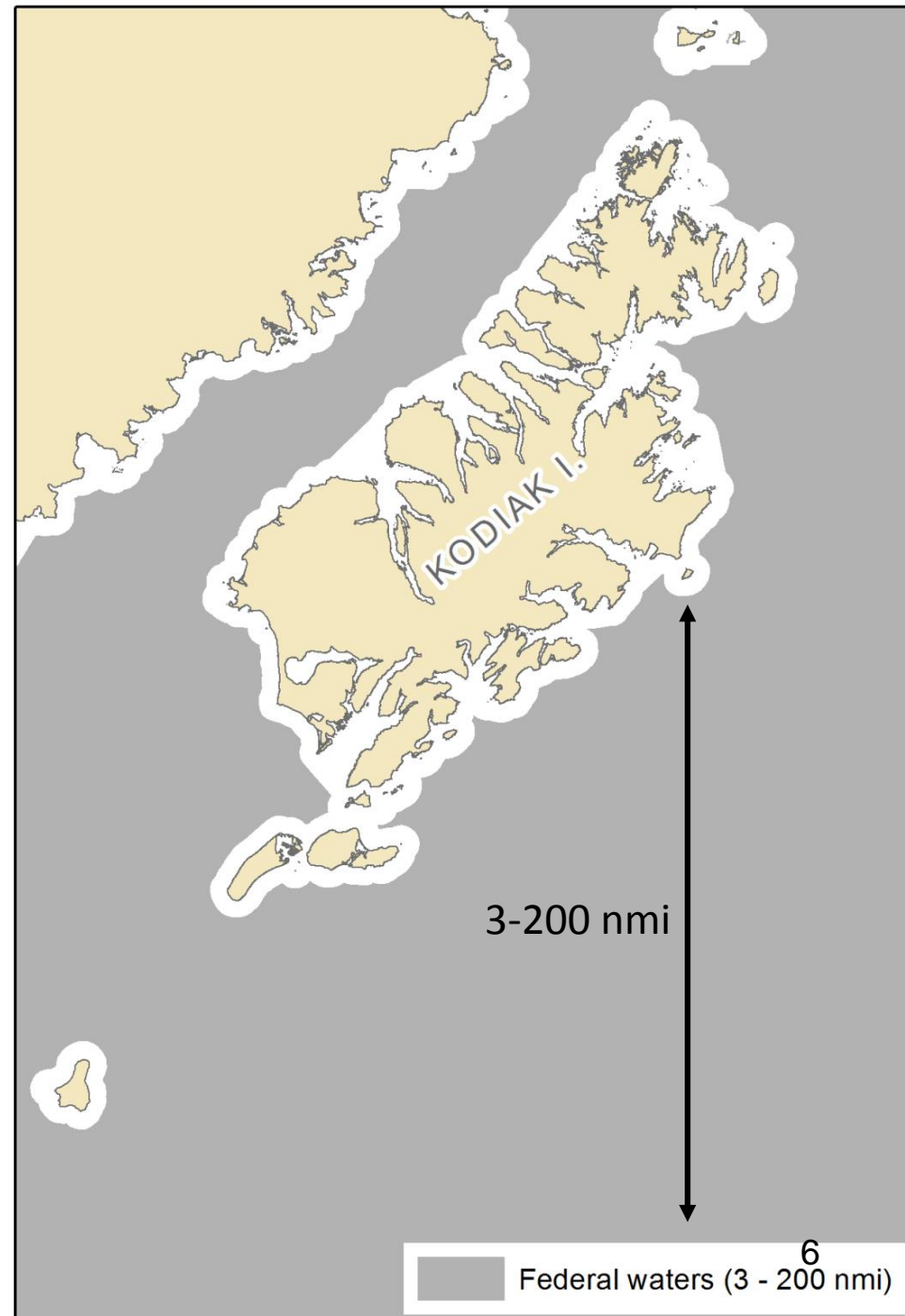
- **ABC** - Acceptable Biological Catch (Federal: EGOA, CGOA, WGOA, BS, AI)
- **TAC** - Total Allowable Catch (Federal/Parallel Fisheries)
- **GHL** - Guideline Harvest Level (State-Waters Fisheries)

Central Gulf of Alaska Area



Federal Pacific Cod Fishery

- Federal waters 3–200 nmi
- Harvest limit (TAC) based on fixed % of Pacific cod ABC
- Gear sectors: trawl, longline, pot and jig gear (CV and CP)
- A and B seasons (Jan 1 and Sept 1)
- No gear limits, vessel length limited to 125 ft (GOA)
- Limited access (FFP and LLP required)
- Steller sea lion (SSL) protection measures (no fishing zones and VMS)
- Observer requirements



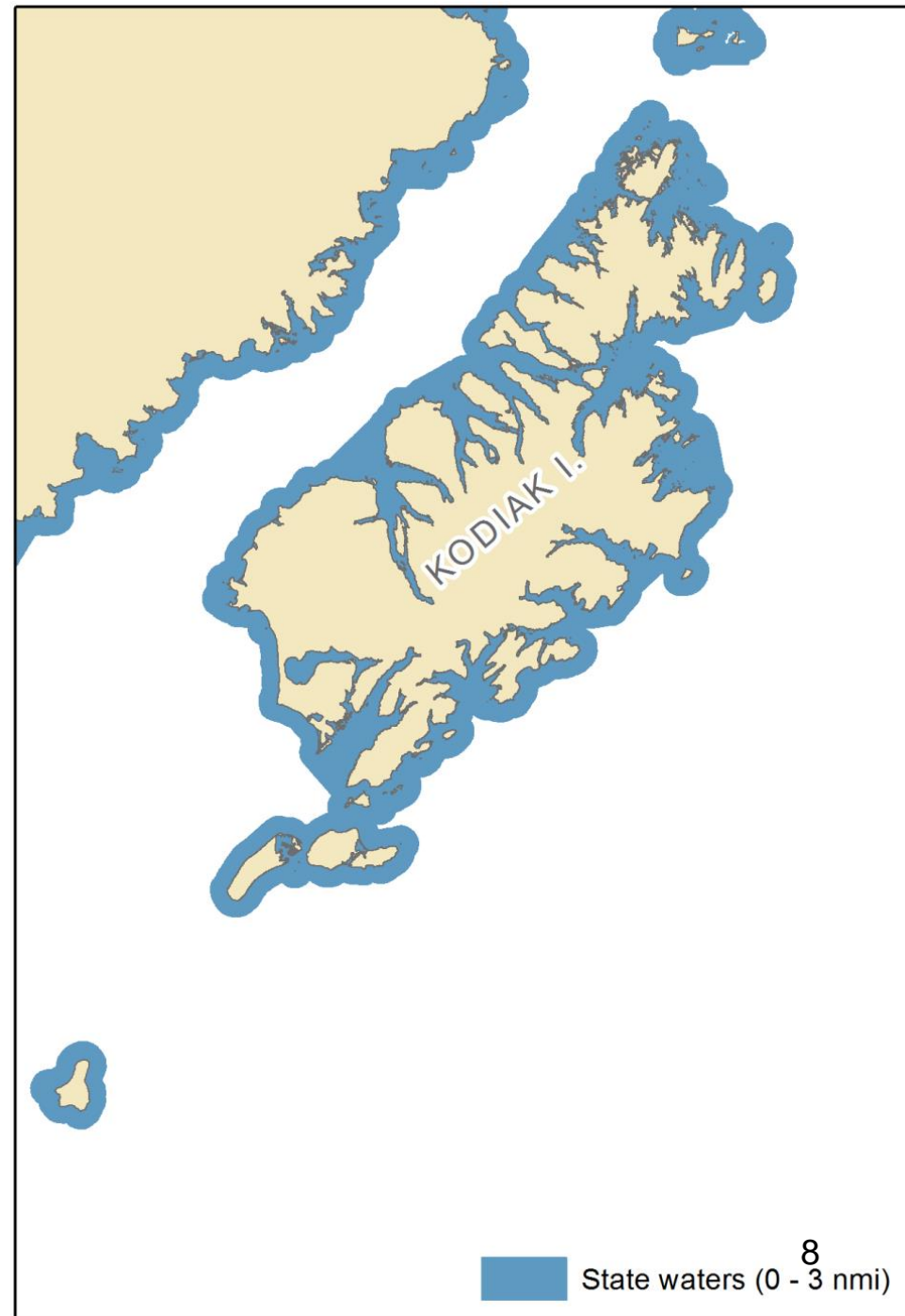
Parallel Pacific Cod Fishery

- State waters 0–3 nmi
- Opened concurrent to federal fishery by state Emergency Order
- Shared TAC with federal fishery
- Gear sectors: trawl, longline, pot and jig gear (bottom trawl restrictions)
- A and B seasons (Jan 1 and Sept 1)
- No gear limits, some vessel length restrictions
- Open access (FFP/LLP not required)
- Most SSL protection measures
- Observer requirements only for federally permitted vessels



State-Waters Pacific Cod Fishery

- State waters 0–3 nmi
- Harvest limits (GHL) based on % of federal Pacific cod ABCs
- Seasons open after federal/parallel fisheries close
- Pot and jig gear (longline - PWS; longline and trawl - Aleutian Is.)
- Gear limited to 60 pots or 5 jig machines
- Some vessel length limits
(58 ft maximum Chignik, S. Peninsula, Dutch Harbor)
- Open access - registration exclusivity
(nonexclusive, exclusive, superexclusive)
- SSL rookery protection
- No observer requirements



Groundfish Fishery Management Summary

- 2 management jurisdictions (federal/state)
- 3 'types' of groundfish fisheries
 - **Federal**: All federal oversight, nearly all limited access
 - **Parallel**: State oversight with federal overlap
 - **State-Waters**: All state oversight, all open access except several sablefish fisheries

**Each groundfish fishery is unique
and highly dynamic
ABCs shared across all 3 fishery types**



Questions?

