

Salmon and Halibut Bycatch in State Managed Fisheries

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Guideline Harvest Level Fisheries

- No salmon or halibut bycatch limits; exception is Prince William Sound Pollock
- State does not have a groundfish observer program
- GHL fisheries are small in scale and effort
- State prohibits non-pelagic trawling in most state waters
- State has limited longline and trawl GHL fisheries

Parallel Fisheries

- Federal fishery occurring in state waters
- Salmon and halibut bycatch in state waters accrues to the federal bycatch limits
- Vessels subject to federal observer program requirements
- State participates in North Pacific Fishery Management Council process

Guideline Harvest Level and Sablefish Quota Fisheries

Southeast Area

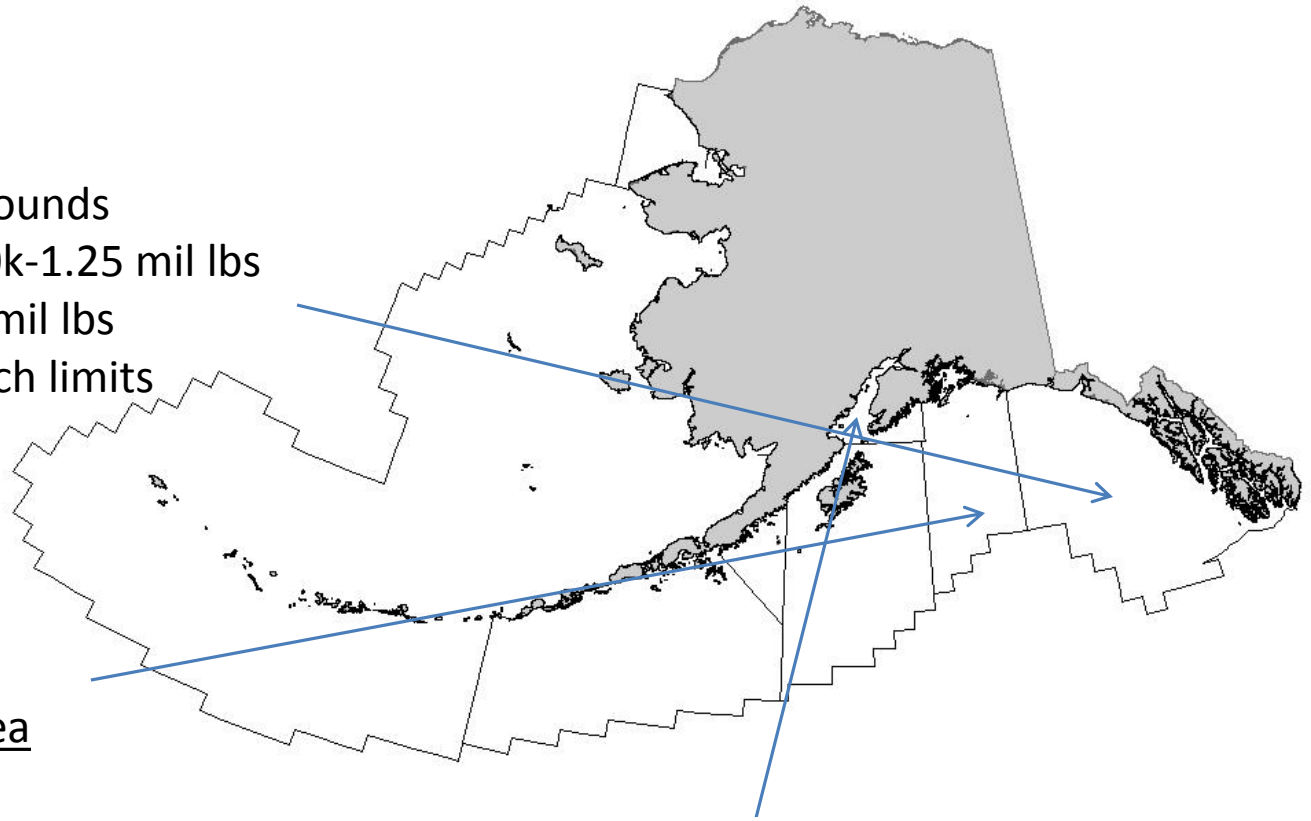
- Longline catch limits
 - DSR = 170,000 pounds
 - Pacific Cod = 750k-1.25 mil lbs
 - Sablefish = 1.13 mil lbs
 - No halibut bycatch limits
- Trawl gear prohibited

Prince William Sound Area

- Longline catch limits
 - Sablefish = 110,000 lbs
 - Pacific cod = 1.0 to 4.0 mil lbs
 - No halibut bycatch limits
- Trawl catch limit
 - Pollock = 9.4 mil lbs
 - Salmon bycatch set at 3,773 pounds for 2017

Cook Inlet Area

- Longline catch limits
 - Sablefish = 48,000 lbs
 - No halibut bycatch limits
- Non-pelagic trawl gear prohibited



State Managed Parallel Fisheries

Kodiak Area

- Longline Pacific cod
- Trawl Pollock
- Non-pelagic trawl gear prohibited

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Area

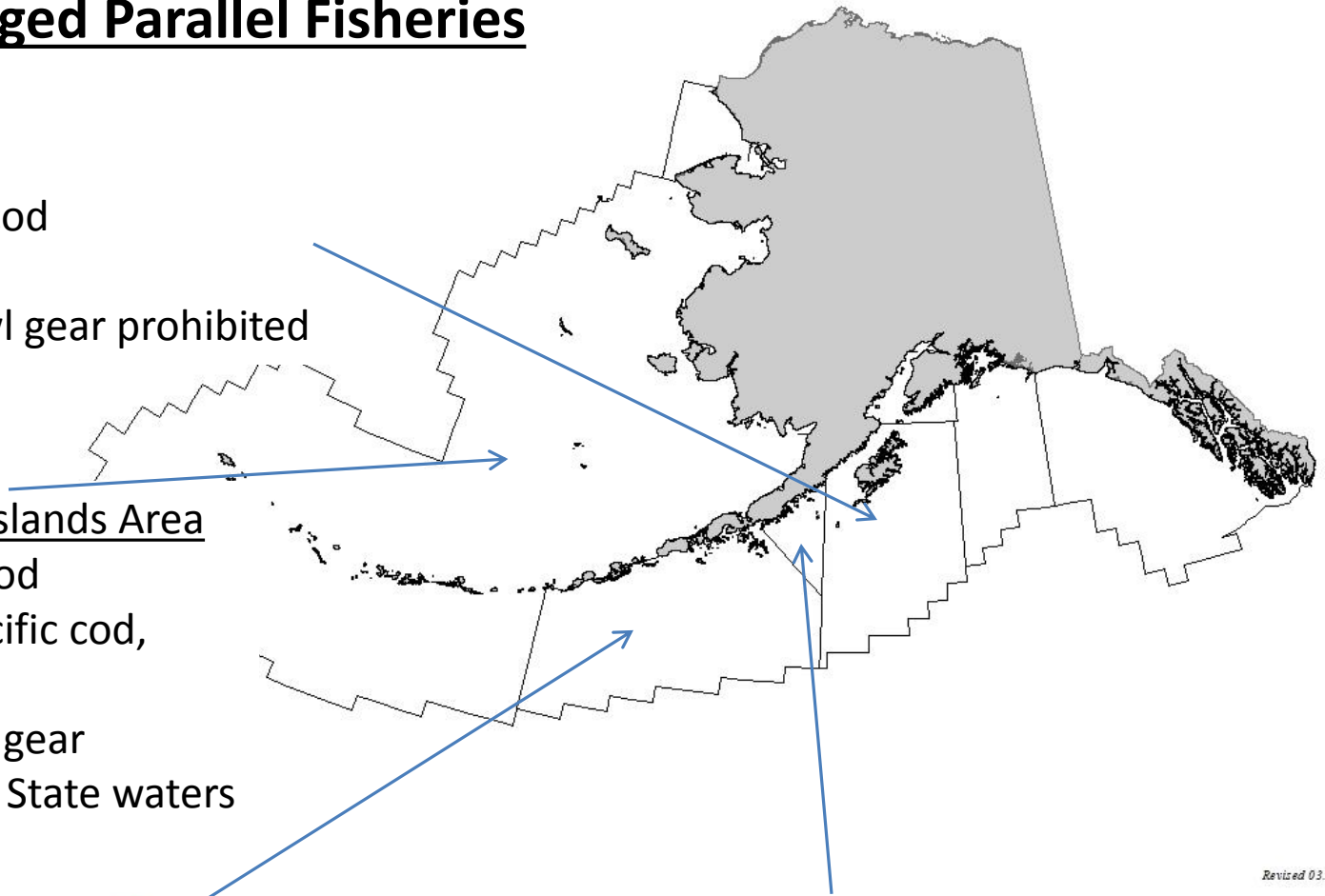
- Longline; Pacific cod
- Trawl; Pollock, Pacific cod, Atka Mackerel
- Non-pelagic trawl gear allowed in limited State waters

South Alaska Peninsula Area

- Longline; Pacific cod
- Trawl; Pollock and Pacific cod
- Non-pelagic trawl gear allowed in limited State waters

Chignik Area

- Longline; Pacific cod
- Trawl; Pollock
- Non-pelagic trawl gear prohibited



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