

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_)\*

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

268603107  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2014  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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(1) Names of reporting persons	Trimaran Pollo Partners, L.L.C.
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b)
(3) SEC use only	
(4) Citizenship or place of organization	Delaware
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	
(5) Sole voting power	0
(6) Shared voting power	22,149,044
(7) Sole dispositive power	0
(8) Shared dispositive power	22,149,044
(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	22,149,044
(10) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares (see instructions)	
(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)	59.9%
(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)	OO (Limited Liability Company)

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(1) Names of reporting persons	Trimaran Capital, L.L.C.
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b)
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(4) Citizenship or place of organization	Delaware
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(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)	OO (Limited Liability Company)

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(1) Names of reporting persons	Jay R. Bloom
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b)
(3) SEC use only	
(4) Citizenship or place of organization	United States
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	
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(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)	59.9%
(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)	IN

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(1) Names of reporting persons	Dean C. Kehler
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b)
(3) SEC use only	
(4) Citizenship or place of organization	United States
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	
(5) Sole voting power	0
(6) Shared voting power	22,149,044
(7) Sole dispositive power	0
(8) Shared dispositive power	22,149,044
(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	22,149,044
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(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)	IN

**Item 1(a). Name of issuer:**

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.

**Item 1(b). Address of issuer's principal executive offices:**

3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100, Costa Mesa, California 92626

**Item 2(a). Name of person filing:**

Per Rule 13d-1(k)(1), this statement is filed on behalf of each of the following persons pursuant to a joint filing agreement attached hereto.

- (i) Trimaran Pollo Partners, L.L.C. ("TPP") (1)
- (ii) Trimaran Capital, L.L.C. ("Trimaran Capital") (2)
- (iii) Jay R. Bloom ("Bloom") (3)
- (iv) Dean C. Kehler ("Kehler") (3)

**Notes:**

- (1) TPP is the direct owner of all shares reported herein.
- (2) Trimaran Capital is the managing member of TPP.
- (3) Bloom and Kehler are the managing members of Trimaran Capital.

**Item 2(b). Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:**

1325 Avenue of the Americas, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10019

**Item 2(c). Citizenship:**

TPP and Trimaran Capital: Delaware limited liability company

Bloom and Kehler: United States citizen

**Item 2(d). Title of class of securities:**

Common stock

**Item 2(e). CUSIP No.:**

268603107

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

Not applicable.

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**Item 4. Ownership:**

**Item 4(a). Amount beneficially owned:**

The responses set forth in item 9 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 4(b). Percent of class:**

The responses set forth in item 11 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 4(c). Number of shares as to which the person has:**

**Item 4(c)(i). Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:**

The responses set forth in item 5 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 4(c)(ii). Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:**

The responses set forth in item 6 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 4(c)(iii). Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:**

The responses set forth in item 7 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 4(c)(iv). Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:**

The responses set forth in item 8 on each cover page to this schedule are incorporated by reference.

**Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

Not applicable.

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**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Certifications.**

Not applicable.

**Signature.**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 11, 2015

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TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNERS, L.L.C.  
TRIMARAN CAPITAL, L.L.C.  
Jay R. Bloom  
Dean C. Kehler

By: /s/ Dean C. Kehler  
Name: Dean C. Kehler  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

## **Exhibit**

### **Joint Filing Agreement & Power of Attorney**

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), each of the undersigned agrees to joint filing of statements on schedules 13D and 13G, or any amendments thereto, with respect to the common stock of El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. (the "Company").

Each further expressly authorizes each other party to this agreement to file on its behalf any such statement or amendment.

Each further agrees to the filing of this agreement as an exhibit to any such statement or amendment or any other regulatory filing.

Each further hereby severally constitutes and appoints each of the following natural persons, each, with full power to act alone, as true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, resubstitution, and revocation, for and in the undersigned's name, place, and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all such statements or amendments, or any other documents required by any securities regulatory authority, including without limitation on Forms 3, 4, 5, 13F, and 13H, and all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, in connection with the common stock of the Company, and to deliver, furnish, or file the same as necessary with any such regulator, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of that attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, it being understood that the documents signed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant hereto may be in such form and contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or the substitute or substitutes thereof, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof and the rights and powers granted hereby.

Each further agrees that any determination by an attorney-in-fact named herein in accordance with this power of attorney will be conclusively evidenced by that person's signing, delivery, furnishing, or filing of the applicable document.

Each further acknowledges that none of (i) the attorneys-in-fact, in serving as such at the request of the undersigned, (ii) the Company, and (iii) Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, are assuming any of the responsibilities of the undersigned to comply with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

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Attorneys-in-Fact:

Trimaran Capital Partners

Jay R. Bloom  
Dean C. Kehler  
Michael G. Maselli  
Wesley W. Barton

El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc.

Stephen J. Sather  
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Edith R. Austin

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Andrea L. Nicolas  
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Edward P. Mahaney-Walter  
Bryant H. Park  
Kathleen N. Miller

This power of attorney is valid from the date hereof and will remain in full force and effect until, in respect of each of the undersigned, the undersigned is no longer required to file statements on any of the aforementioned forms or schedules, or any amendments thereto, in connection with the common stock of the Company, unless earlier revoked in writing by the undersigned, or until, in respect of any attorney-in-fact named herein, that attorney-in-fact ceases to be a partner, member, director, officer, or employee of the entity under which the name of that attorney-in-fact is affixed, or any of its affiliates, or revoked in writing by that entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this agreement and power of attorney to be executed as of the date set forth below.

Dated: February 11, 2015

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TRIMARAN POLLO PARTNERS, L.L.C.

By: TRIMARAN CAPITAL, L.L.C.  
its Managing Member

By: /s/ Dean C. Kehler  
Name: Dean C. Kehler  
Title: Managing Member

TRIMARAN CAPITAL, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Dean C. Kehler  
Name: Dean C. Kehler  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Jay R. Bloom  
Jay R. Bloom

/s/ Dean C. Kehler  
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