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Advisory Announcement

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Cook Inlet Area

Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Closes to Pot Gear

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The Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod season will **close to vessels fishing with pot gear at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, March 27.**

The Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod season for pot gear opened February 10 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 1,702,244 lb, with 85% or 1,446,908 lb allocated to pot gear. Based upon current and projected harvest levels, the GHL for pot vessels is expected to be achieved. If there is GHL remaining after September 1, it may become available to all legal gear, with no vessel size restrictions, during a state-waters season.

Fishermen are reminded there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following the closure of a groundfish fishery. All pots must be unbaited and doors open at the time of the closure. Pots must be removed from the water no later than five days following the closure.

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