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Cook Inlet Area Pacific Cod Parallel Season Closes to Jig Gear Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Opens to Jig Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-H-06-24

The Cook Inlet Area parallel Pacific cod season will **close to vessels fishing jig gear effective 12:00 noon May 6 and the state-waters Pacific cod jig season will open at 12:00 noon May 7**. The parallel season closure coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod jig gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska area. Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

The 2024 state-waters Pacific cod jig allocation is 255,337 lb. The state-waters jig season will remain open until the jig allocation is achieved.

Area registration for the state-waters season is exclusive. A vessel may not participate in a Pacific cod statewaters season and any other Pacific cod season at the same time.

Registrations may be obtained through ADF&G offices in Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, Soldotna, and Kodiak or by appointment in Seward.

Bycatch limits by species or species aggregate for the Cook Inlet Area are set by Emergency Order 2-GF-H-01-24 and may be found in the Central Region Groundfish Fisheries Outlook Advisory Announcement AA01-GF-H-01-24.

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