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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area Pacific Cod Parallel Season Closes to Jig Gear Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Opens to Jig Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-08-24

The Prince William Sound Area 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 PWS state-waters Pacific cod jig/pot gear allocation is 323,749 lb. The state-waters jig season will remain open until the jig and pot allocation is achieved.

Area registration for the Prince William Sound state-waters jig season is non-exclusive.

Registrations may be obtained through ADF&G offices in Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, Soldotna, and Kodiak or by appointment in Seward. Registrations may also be completed through our permit email at dfg.dcf.permitmanagement@alaska.gov.

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

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