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FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET AREA PACIFIC COD FISHERY
PARALLEL SEASON CLOSES TO LONGLINE GEAR
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF–H-10-18

The Cook Inlet Area (Area H) parallel Pacific cod season will **close to vessels using longline gear effective 12:00 noon December 1**. The parallel season will remain open to vessels using pot gear and the state-waters season will remain open to vessels using jig gear.

Parallel Pacific cod seasons are established by emergency order (EO) to coincide with the season dates and gear sectors set by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for Pacific cod seasons in the adjacent federal Central Gulf of Alaska Regulatory Area (CGOA). NMFS announced that that the CGOA "B" season will close to vessels less than 50 feet in length using hook-and-line (HAL; longline) gear at 12:00 noon December 1; the Pacific cod "B" season did not open to HAL vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet in length. Therefore, the parallel season for Pacific cod will close to all vessels using longline gear in the Cook Inlet Area at 12:00 noon December 1.

There is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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