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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT  
COOK INLET AREA  
PACIFIC COD FISHERY  
PARALLEL SEASON CLOSES TO JIG GEAR  
STATE-WATERS SEASON OPENS TO JIG GEAR  
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-H-08-19**

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod **parallel season will close to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon March 12.** This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod jig gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area (CGOA).

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod **state-waters season will open to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon March 13.** In accordance with the Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan (5 AAC 28.367), the state-waters season for jig gear shall open 24 hours following the closure of the initial "A" federal season in the CGOA for jig gear.

Fishermen are reminded there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery. All fish harvested in the parallel season must be landed prior to participating in the state-waters season.

The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod state-waters season is 633,857 lb, with 15% or 95,078 lb allocated to vessels using jig gear. The state-waters season for jig gear will remain open until the jig allocation is achieved or the opening of the parallel "B" season on June 10.

Cook Inlet Area registration for the state-waters season is exclusive and vessel registrations may be obtained from department offices in Homer, Cordova, and Kodiak or by appointment in Seward (contact Homer ADF&G office). A vessel may not participate in a Pacific cod state-waters season and any other Pacific cod season at the same time.

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