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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA
PACIFIC COD FISHERY
PARALLEL SEASON CLOSES TO JIG GEAR
STATE-WATERS SEASON OPENS TO JIG GEAR
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-08-19**

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) 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 PWS Pacific cod **state-waters season will open to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon March 13**. In accordance with the PWS Pacific Cod Management Plan (5 AAC 28.267), 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 PWS Pacific cod state-waters season is 936,965 lb, with 15% or 140,545 lb allocated to vessels using jig or pot gear. The state-waters season for jig gear will remain open until the jig/pot allocation is achieved or the opening of the parallel "B" jig season on June 10.

PWS registration for the state-waters jig season is nonexclusive 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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