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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area **Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Closes to Longline Gear** **Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-05-20**

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) Pacific cod state-waters season **will close to longline gear at 11:59 p.m. March 4.**

The PWS Pacific cod state-waters season opened to jig, pot, and longline gear on February 1 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 437,425 lb, with 85% or 371,811 lb allocated to longline gear. Based on projected harvest levels, the longline allocation will be achieved.

The Pacific cod state-waters seasons for jig and pot gear remain open with a combined allocation of 15% of the GHL or 65,614 lb, and there has been no harvest to date.

If there is GHL remaining after September 1, it may become available to all legal gear during a Pacific cod state-waters season.

Fishermen are reminded there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following the closure of a groundfish fishery.

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