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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Kodiak Area Designated Nonexclusive Registration Area for Vessels Targeting Pacific Cod with Jig Gear**

#### **Emergency Order 4-GF-21-20**

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows the area to be designated a nonexclusive registration area for vessels targeting Pacific cod with jig gear if the guideline harvest level (GHL) allocation is not likely to be fully harvested by the regulatory closure on December 31.

Through September 23, 2020, approximately 104,000 pounds (14%) of Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear GHL allocation remains unharvested. Therefore, the Kodiak Area will be designated a nonexclusive registration area for vessels targeting Pacific cod with jig gear effective 12:01 a.m. October 1, 2020.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

#### ***COVID-19***

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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