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Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover and Pot Gear Season Reopening

Emergency Order 4-GF-23-20

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken by either pot or jig gear after the closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod pot gear B season. Since the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod pot gear B season did not open, the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season will reopen to vessels using pot gear at 12:01 a.m. November 23, 2020. Gear specific harvest allocations and the harvest cap for pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length will not be in effect, however gear limits will be in effect. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes by regulation on December 31, 2020. Approximately 97,000 pounds of Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL remains available for harvest.

Vessel operators are reminded that:

- Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, buoy tags, and an exclusive area state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season; and
- Vessels participating in the state-waters season may only operate gear inside state waters (0–3 nmi).

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

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, 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 Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>

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