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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Closure of the Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishery and Bycatch Allowance Reduction in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area**

#### **Emergency Order 4-GF-15-21**

The directed commercial black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. July 2, 2021. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Northeast District is approaching the guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Northeast District as bycatch, up to 5% by weight of the target species onboard. Operators of vessels registered for the Northeast District must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to change district registration prior to targeting black rockfish outside of the Northeast District.

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

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

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>

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