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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover

Emergency Order 4-GF-13-24

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken on or after August 15 with either pot or jig gear and for gear limits to be removed. Through August 1, 2024, no state-waters harvest has occurred with either pot or jig gear; the full Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL; 3.97 million pounds) remains available for harvest.

Effective August 15, 2024, pot or jig gear may be used to harvest the remaining Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL and gear limits will not be in effect. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes on December 31, 2024. However, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) may close the state-waters season on or after October 30, 2024 based on inseason assessment of effort, harvest rate, remaining GHL, and federal fisheries status to allow the Chignik Area parallel Pacific cod season to open.

Fishermen are reminded the Chignik Area is a superexclusive registration area for state-waters Pacific cod. Vessel size is restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length.

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