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Advisory Announcement

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South Alaska Peninsula Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Exclusivity Requirements, Vessel Size Restrictions, and Gear Limits Rescinded

Emergency Order 4-GF-22-26

The South Alaska Peninsula Area Pacific cod fishery management plan allows for exclusive registration requirements, vessel size restrictions, and gear limits to be removed after October 30. Through October 21, 2026, approximately 6.83 million pounds of state-waters Pacific cod has been harvested by vessels using pot gear and 728,000 pounds has been harvested by vessels using jig gear. Approximately 387,000 pounds of South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL) remains available for harvest.

Effective 12:01 a.m. October 31, 2026, the South Alaska Peninsula Area will be designated as a nonexclusive registration area, and vessel size restrictions and gear limits will not be in effect. Buoy tags are not required for the remainder of the season.

Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and a state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season. Prior to harvesting Pacific cod, pot gear vessel operators must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to comply with daily harvest reporting requirements.

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

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