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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD FISHERY
SEASON CLOSES TO LONGLINE GEAR
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-09-14**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E state-waters Pacific cod season will close to vessels fishing with longline gear effective **12:00 noon, March 26, 2014**. The PWS state-waters Pacific cod season remains open to vessels fishing with pot gear and the PWS parallel Pacific cod season remains open to vessels fishing with jig gear.

The PWS state-waters Pacific cod season opened to longline gear at 12:00 noon, March 18 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 1.46 million pounds. According to the PWS Pacific cod management plan (5 AAC 28.267), the PWS state-waters Pacific cod season closes to longline gear when 85 percent (1.24 million lb) of the GHL is achieved. Based upon current and projected harvest levels, 85 percent of the GHL will be achieved by 12:00 noon, March 26, 2014.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery and that the PWS state-waters Pacific cod exclusive area vessel registration becomes invalid 24-hours following the season closure for that gear type.

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