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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD FISHERY  
SEASON CLOSURES TO POT GEAR  
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-10-14**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E state-waters Pacific cod season will close to vessels fishing with pot gear effective **5:00 p.m. March 28, 2014**. The PWS parallel Pacific cod season remains open to vessels fishing with jig gear.

The PWS state-waters Pacific cod season opened to pot gear at 12:00 noon, February 14 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 pot gear when 90 percent (1.32 million lb) of the GHL is achieved. Based upon current and projected harvest levels, 90 percent of the GHL will be achieved by 5:00 p.m. March 28, 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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