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**Announcement of Kodiak Area Walleye Pollock Seine Gear
Test Fishery and Registration Requirement**

At the January 2014 Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) meeting in Kodiak, board members and commercial fishery stakeholders expressed interest in a walleye pollock test fishery for vessels using seine gear. The initial walleye pollock test fishery for vessels using seine gear will occur in the Kodiak Management Area prior to June 9, 2014. Interested vessel operators must register with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The vessel registration deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2014. Beginning Monday, April 14, 2014, registered vessel operators will be contacted by ADF&G to coordinate test fishing activities.

Prior to participating in the walleye pollock test fishery, vessel operators must obtain a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission miscellaneous finfish permit card for purse seine gear (M01B). Additional walleye pollock test fishing requirements will be provided under provisions of a Commissioner's Permit.

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