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ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET OCTOPUS CLOSURE
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The retention of octopus in the Cook Inlet Area will close at 12:00 noon April 23, 2014.

According to provisions of **5 AAC 38.360 Cook Inlet Area Octopus Management Plan**, there is no open season for directed fishing for octopus, but retention as bycatch is allowed up to an annual guideline harvest level (GHL) of 35,000 pounds. Based on reported harvests from state waters, the octopus GHL will be achieved. Therefore, in order to manage for the GHL, the Cook Inlet Area will close to retention of octopus effective 12:00 noon April 23, 2014.

For additional information on Cook Inlet Area fisheries, please contact ADF&G in Homer, at 235-8191.

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