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**Black Rockfish Closure in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area
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The directed black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area will close at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, March 23, 2015. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Northeast District is approaching guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, jig gear vessels may retain black rockfish in the Northeast District as bycatch, up to 20 percent by weight of the target species onboard. All other gear types may retain black rockfish as bycatch, up to five percent by weight of the target species onboard. Jig vessel operators registered for the Northeast District must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to change district registration prior to targeting black rockfish outside of the Northeast District.

For more information contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.