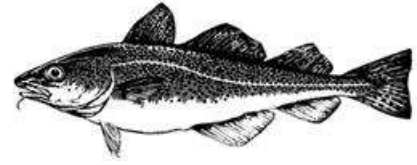


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**2016 Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Opening for Jig Gear**

**Emergency Order 4-GF-05-16**

National Marine Fisheries Service announced closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska jig gear A season effective at noon March 1, 2016. Therefore, the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at noon March 3, 2016. The 2016 Kodiak state-waters jig gear guideline harvest level allocation is 6,794,647 pounds.

Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for jig gear from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area state-waters jig vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game prior to participating in the state-waters season. Vessels participating in the federal/parallel Pacific cod jig gear season must deliver all Pacific cod prior to participating in the state-waters jig gear season.

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