

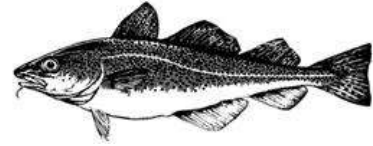
# **ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

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#### **2018 Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Opening for Jig Gear**

##### **Emergency Order 4-GF-02-18**

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced closure of the 2018 Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) jig gear sector A season effective 12:00 a.m. January 1, 2018. Therefore, the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2018. The 2018 state-waters season jig gear guideline harvest level (GHL) allocation is 1.12 million pounds.

If NMFS reopens the federal CGOA jig gear sector A season, the state-waters season will remain open. While the Kodiak Area state-waters (0–3 nmi) jig gear season and the federal (3–200 nmi) CGOA jig gear seasons are open concurrently:

- A vessel may not participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters jig gear season and the CGOA federal jig gear season at the same time.
- A vessel's registration for the Kodiak Area state-waters season must be invalidated before that vessel may participate in any other Pacific cod season.
- All Pacific cod must be delivered before a vessel may validate or invalidate a state-waters vessel registration.
- A state-waters vessel registration may be validated or invalidated by contacting ADF&G in Kodiak during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday).

Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for jig gear from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area vessel registration from ADF&G prior to participating in the state-waters season.

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For additional information on federal Pacific cod jig gear fisheries, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Juneau at (907) 586-7202. For additional information on state-waters Pacific cod jig gear fisheries, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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