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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET AREA PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON
CLOSES TO LONGLINE VESSELS LESS THAN 50 FEET IN LENGTH
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-H-06-18**

The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Area will **close to vessels less than 50 feet in length using longline gear effective 12:00 noon March 2**. This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod catcher vessel less than 50 feet hook-and-line gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area. The parallel season will remain open to vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet using longline gear until closed by emergency order.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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