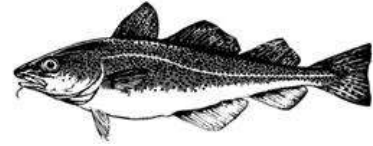


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**Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Pot Gear Season Closure for  
Vessels Greater than 58 Feet in Overall Length**

**Emergency Order 4-GF-07-18**

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season for vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length using pot gear will close at 11:59 p.m. March 3, 2018. Inseason catch estimates indicate the pot gear harvest cap for vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length will be attained at the time of the closure.

Fishermen are reminded that all groundfish pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Following the closure, open and unbaited pots may be stored at any depth for up to seven days. After seven days, all groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored open and unbaited in waters not more than 25 fathoms deep.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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