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**Closure of the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area to
Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishing**

Emergency Order 4-GF-13-18

The commercial black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area will close at 12:00 noon March 28, 2018. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Northeast District is approaching the guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Northeast District as bycatch, up to 5% by weight of the target species onboard. Operators of jig vessels 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 ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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