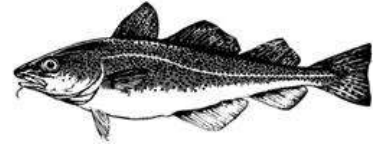


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**Kodiak Area Designated Nonexclusive Registration Area
for Vessels Targeting Pacific Cod with Jig Gear**

Emergency Order 4-GF-17-18

After June 10, the Kodiak Area may be designated a nonexclusive registration area for vessels targeting Pacific cod with jig gear if it is determined that the jig gear guideline harvest level (GHL) allocation is not likely to be fully harvested by the regulatory closure on December 31.

Through June 4, 2018, approximately 1.09 million pounds (98%) of Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear GHL allocation remains unharvested. Therefore, the Kodiak Area will be designated a nonexclusive registration area for vessels targeting Pacific cod with jig gear effective 12:01 a.m. June 11, 2018.

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