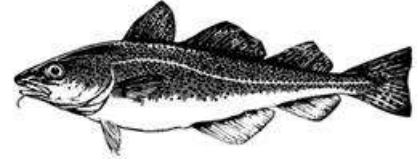


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**Closure of the South Alaska Peninsula Management Area Parallel Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season and Opening of the State-Waters Pacific Cod Jig Gear Season**

**Emergency Order 4-GF-05-13**

By regulation, if the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel A-season for jig gear has not closed by March 15, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) shall close the parallel (0 to 3 nautical miles) WGOA jig gear season in the South Alaska Peninsula Management Area and open the South Alaska Peninsula Management Area state-waters jig gear season to facilitate exploitation of the state-waters Pacific cod guideline harvest level (GHL). Through March 10, 2013 approximately 95 percent of the federal/parallel WGOA A-season jig gear allocation remains unharvested. Therefore, the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel Pacific cod jig gear season will close and the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will immediately reopen at NOON Friday March 15, 2013.

The 2013 South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig gear GHL allocation is 2.34 million pounds. Vessel operators are required to obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for jig gear, commercial fishing vessel license from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, and an exclusive state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration from ADF&G before participating in the state-waters fishery.

Vessel operators currently participating in the parallel WGOA Pacific cod jig season must deliver all catch prior to targeting Pacific cod during the state-waters season. While the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters (0 to 3 nmi) jig gear season and the federal (3 to 200 nmi) WGOA jig gear seasons are open concurrently:

- A vessel may not participate in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod jig season and any other Pacific cod season at the same time.

- Vessel operators must validate or invalidate their state-waters vessel registration if switching between the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters jig fishery and any other Pacific cod fishery.
- Vessel operators must deliver all catch prior to changing a state-waters Pacific cod 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 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday).

For additional information on federal Pacific cod jig gear seasons, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service in Juneau at 1-800-304-4846 # 3. For information on state-waters Pacific cod jig gear seasons, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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