Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover and Pot Gear Season Reopening

Emergency Order 4-GF-24-19

The National Marine Fisheries Service announced closure of the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod pot gear B season effective 12:00 noon October 12, 2019. The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season will immediately reopen to vessels using pot or jig gear at 12:01 p.m. October 12, 2019. Gear limits, gear specific harvest allocations, and the harvest cap for pot gear vessels greater than 58 feet in overall length will not be in effect. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes by regulation on December 31, 2019. Approximately 595,000 pounds of Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL remains available for harvest.

Vessel operators are reminded that:

- Vessels currently participating in the federal/parallel Pacific cod season are required to deliver all Pacific cod prior to participating in the state-waters season;

- Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season; and

- Vessels participating in the state-waters season may only operate gear inside state waters (0–3 nmi).

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