Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release:   February 28, 2020

Cook Inlet Area

Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Closes to Pot Gear

Emergency Order # 2-GF-H-03-20

The Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod season will close to vessels fishing with pot gear at 10:00 p.m., February 28.

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod state-waters season for pot gear opened February 1 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 454,513 lb, with 85% or 386,336 lb allocated to pot gear. Based upon current and projected harvest levels, the allowable harvest for pot vessels will be achieved. If there is GHL remaining after September 1, it may become available to all legal gear, with no vessel size restrictions, during a state-waters season.

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod state-waters season for jig gear opened January 1 and remains open with 15% of the GHL allocated to jig gear, or 68,177 lb; there has been no jig harvest to date.

Fishermen are reminded there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following the closure of a groundfish fishery. All pots must be unbaited and doors open at the time of the closure. Pots must be removed from the water no later than five days following the closure.

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