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**Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State-Waters Pacific Cod
Jig Gear Season Opening and Closure of the Parallel Jig Season**

The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open at 12:01 am on May 1, 2021, for vessels 58 feet or less overall length (OAL) with a limit of 5 mechanical jigging machines per vessel. When the state-waters Pacific cod season is open, state waters are closed to vessels fishing in parallel Pacific cod jig fisheries (including CDQ) that are 58 feet or less OAL. The DHS state-waters Pacific cod season is closed south of 53° 06.11' N lat.

Steller sea lion protection measures will be in effect during the state-waters season and are shown on the attached map. Closures are listed in Tables 5 and 12 to 50 CFR part 679 posted on the NMFS web site at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=e928699f8903a416bed34b9bcaae6903&mc=true&node=pt50.13.679&rgn=div5>.

Fishermen must obtain a nonexclusive Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration for jig gear prior to participating in the state-waters season. Registrations can be obtained at the Dutch Harbor ADF&G office. Reporting requirements will be provided at the time of registration.

Fishermen may not participate in federal and state-waters seasons concurrently. Fishermen transitioning between a federal or parallel Pacific cod fishery and a state-waters Pacific cod fishery must deliver all unprocessed Pacific cod on board prior to participating in or exiting the Dutch Harbor state-waters Pacific cod season.

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

