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Prince William Sound Area Parallel Pacific Cod Season Remains Closed in State Waters

The parallel Pacific cod season will not open in the state waters of Prince William Sound (PWS) on September 1 in order to stay within the PWS annual rockfish guideline harvest level (GHL) of 150,000 lb. Last year the PWS rockfish GHL was exceeded and this year bycatch limits were reduced by 50% effective June 7. This reduction and the parallel Pacific cod fishery remaining closed in the state waters of PWS will aid in reducing rockfish bycatch and in keeping the harvest of rockfish within GHL. Please contact NOAA/NMFS for information about the Pacific cod season in the federal waters of the Gulf of Alaska.

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