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Advisory Announcement

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Vessel Size Limit Removed for Remainder of 2023 Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season

Emergency Order 4-GF-21-23

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken by a vessel of any size after October 30. Through October 24, 2023, less than 25% of the state-waters Pacific cod pot gear guideline harvest level (GHL) allocation has been harvested and no state-waters harvest has occurred with jig gear. Over 2.0 million pounds of Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL remains available for harvest.

Effective 12:01 a.m. October 31, 2023, a vessel of any size may be used to take Pacific cod in the Chignik Area. As previously announced, pot or jig gear may be used to harvest the remaining Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL and gear limits will not be in effect. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes on December 31, 2023.

Fishermen are reminded the Chignik Area is a superexclusive registration area for state-waters Pacific cod.

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