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Prince William Sound Area Parallel Pacific Cod Season Opens to Vessels Using Pot Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-15-25

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) Pacific cod parallel season will open to vessels using pot gear at 12:00 noon September 1 in conjunction with the federal "B" season. Vessels are reminded that longline pot gear is prohibited during the PWS Pacific cod parallel fishery. The state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear closed March 11 and the federal jig "B" season was open June 10 through June 19, therefore the PWS Pacific cod jig fishery will remain closed. The state-waters Pacific cod longline fishery is currently open with 340,000 pounds remaining from the guideline harvest level. Vessel operators are reminded to obtain a PWS parallel Pacific cod registration prior to fishing in state-waters and refer to AA01-GF-H-E-25 PWS CI Groundfish Fisheries Outlook for parallel fisheries requirements and contact ADF&G in Homer at 907-235-8191 for further information.