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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Cook Inlet Area**  
**Pacific Cod Parallel Season Closes to Jig Gear**  
**Pacific Cod State-Waters Season Opens to Jig Gear**  
**Emergency Order # 2-GF-H-08-23**

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod **parallel season will close to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon on April 28.** This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod jig gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area (CGOA). There is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery. All fish harvested in the parallel season must be landed prior to participating in the state-waters season.

The Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod **state-waters season will open to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon on April 29.** In accordance with the Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan (5 AAC 28.367), the state-waters season for jig gear shall open 24 hours following the CGOA closure of the initial federal season for jig gear. The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Cook Inlet Area Pacific cod state-waters season is 1,226,046 lb, with 15% or 183,907 lb allocated to vessels using jig gear.

Registrations may also be completed in person, by fax or e-mail. Contact the Homer office with groundfish regulatory and registration questions (907-235-8191). Bycatch limits for the Cook Inlet Area are set by Emergency Order 2-GF-H-01-23 and may be found in the Central Region Groundfish Fisheries Outlook Advisory Announcement.

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