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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Closure of the Eastside District of the Kodiak Area to Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishing**

#### **Emergency Order 4-GF-13-20**

The directed commercial black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Eastside District of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. April 6, 2020. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Eastside District is approaching the guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Eastside District as bycatch, up to 5% by weight of the target species onboard. Operators of vessels registered for the Eastside District must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to change district registration prior to targeting black rockfish outside of the Eastside District.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, 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 Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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