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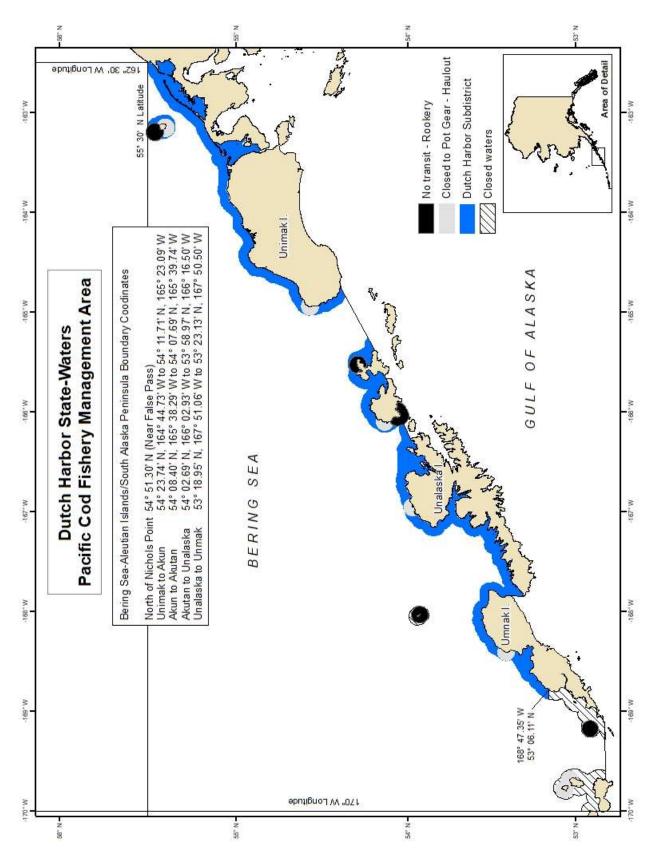BSAI Asst. Area Management Biologist
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Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State-Waters Pacific Cod
Jig Gear Season Opening and Closure of the Parallel Jig Season
Emergency Order #4-GF-14-20

The Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open at 12:01 am on May 1, 2020, for vessels 58 feet or less overall length (OAL) with a limit of 5 mechanical jigging machines per vessel. When the state-waters Pacific cod season is open, state waters are closed to vessels fishing in parallel Pacific cod jig fisheries (including CDQ) that are 58 feet or less OAL. The DHS state-waters Pacific cod season is closed south of 53° 06.11' N lat.

Steller sea lion protection measures will be in effect during the state-waters season and are shown on the attached map. Closures are listed in Tables 5 and 12 to 50 CFR part 679 posted on the NMFS web site at: https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=e928699f8903a416bed34b9bcaae6903&mc=true&node=pt50.13.679&rgn=div5.

Fishermen must obtain a nonexclusive Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod vessel registration for jig gear prior to participating in the state-waters season. Registrations can be obtained at the Dutch Harbor ADF&G office. Reporting requirements will be provided at the time of registration.

Fishermen may not participate in federal and state-waters seasons concurrently Fishermen transitioning between a federal or parallel Pacific cod fishery and a state-waters Pacific cod fishery must deliver all unprocessed Pacific cod on board prior to participating in or exiting the Dutch Harbor state-waters Pacific cod season.

Dutch Harbor State-Waters
Pacific Cod Fishery Management Area

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands/South Alaska Peninsula Boundary Coodinates

North of Nichols Point 54° 51.30' N (Near False Pass)
Unimak to Akun   54° 23.74' N, 164° 44.73' W to 54° 11.71' N, 165° 23.09' W
Akun to Akutan   54° 08.40' N, 165° 38.29' W to 54° 07.69' N, 165° 39.74' W
Akutan to Unalaska   54° 02.69' N, 166° 02.93' W to 53° 58.97' N, 166° 16.50' W
Unalaska to Unmak   53° 18.95' N, 167° 51.06' W to 53° 23.13' N, 167° 50.50' W

No transit - Rookery
Closed to Pot Gear - Haulout
Dutch Harbor Subdistrict
Closed waters

Area of Detail

BERING SEA

GULF OF ALASKA

Unimak I.

Unalaska I.

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168° 47.35' W
53° 06.11' N

55° 30' N Latitude

162° 30' W Longitude

170° W Longitude

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