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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Guideline Harvest Level Allocation Rollover

Emergency Order 4-GF-18-20

The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery management plan allows unharvested Pacific cod to be taken on or after August 15 with either pot or jig gear. Through August 3, 2020, approximately 980,000 pounds of state-waters Pacific cod has been harvested by vessels using pot gear and no state-waters Pacific cod harvest has occurred with jig gear. Approximately 81,000 pounds of Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL remains available for harvest.

Effective 12:01 a.m. August 15, 2020, pot or jig gear may be used to harvest the remaining Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod GHL. The state-waters season will remain open until the GHL is achieved or until the fishery closes by regulation on December 31, 2020.

Fishermen are reminded the Chignik Area is a superexclusive registration area for state-waters Pacific cod. Vessel size is restricted to a maximum of 58 feet in overall length.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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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