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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Trip Limit Increased in Westside District of the Kodiak Area for Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishing**

#### **Emergency Order 4-GF-19-20**

Effective 12:01 a.m. August 15, 2020, the 5-day possession limit for black rockfish will increase from 5,000 pounds to 7,000 pounds (round weight) during the directed commercial black rockfish fishery in the Westside District of the Kodiak Area.

Vessel operators are reminded that mechanical jig and hand troll gear are the only legal gear types for the directed fishery. A black rockfish district registration is required prior to fishing and completed logbooks must be submitted to ADF&G after each trip. A vessel may not simultaneously hold a valid Kodiak Area black rockfish registration and a parallel or state-waters Pacific cod registration.

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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