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Advisory Announcement

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Cook Inlet Area
Parallel Pacific Cod Season
Closes to Longline Vessels Less Than 50 Feet in Length
Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-04-23

The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Area will **close to vessels less than 50 feet in length using longline gear at 12:00 noon February 28**. This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod catcher vessel less than 50 feet hook-and-line gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska Area. Until closed by emergency order, the Cook Inlet Area parallel Pacific cod season will remain open to vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet using longline gear and vessels using jig gear.

Fishers are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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