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2026 Prince William Sound Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Closes to Pot Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-07-26

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) Pacific cod state-waters season for pot gear closes at 12:00 noon on Friday March 6, 2026. Based upon current and projected harvest levels, the GHF for pot vessels is expected to be achieved. There is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following the closure of a groundfish fishery. All pots must be unbaited and doors open at the time of closure. Please refer to [5 AAC 28.232 Groundfish pot storage requirements for Prince Willam Sound Area](#) regarding pot storage when a fishery closes.

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