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Advisory Announcement

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Closure of the Directed Commercial Black Rockfish Fishery and Bycatch Allowance Reduction in the Eastside District of the Kodiak Area

Emergency Order 4-GF-12-26

The directed commercial black rockfish jig gear fishery in the Eastside District of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. March 14, 2026. Catch reports indicate black rockfish harvest in the Eastside District is approaching the guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, vessels may retain black rockfish in the Eastside District as bycatch, up to 5% by weight of the target species onboard. Operators of vessels registered for the Eastside District must contact ADF&G in Kodiak to change district registration prior to targeting black rockfish outside of the Eastside District.

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

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