

## Fish and Game Closing Eastside Black Rockfish Monday Night

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The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has announced the closure of the black rockfish season in the eastside district of the Kodiak area for mechanical jig and hand troll gear. The closure will be 11:59 p.m. Monday night.

In an emergency order, the department said the guideline harvest level for the district, at 30,000 pounds, will likely be met by that time.

Following the closure, all gear types may retain black rockfish in the Eastside District as bycatch, up to five percent by weight of the target species onboard. Jig vessel operators must contact ADF&G in Kodiak by phone or in person to change district registration.

The Kodiak, Chignik and South Alaska Peninsula Black Rockfish season opened on January 1st with a total GHL of 300,000 pounds.