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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### NORTHERN SOUTHEAST INSIDE SUBDISTRICT LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The 2018 lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for NSEI longline fisheries is 9,600 round lb. To date, over 8,700 lb have been taken and the department estimates the remainder of the GHL will be taken by the time of the closure.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open for longline fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. Lingcod harvest will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by ADF&G news release and telephone hotline (907-747-4882), United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

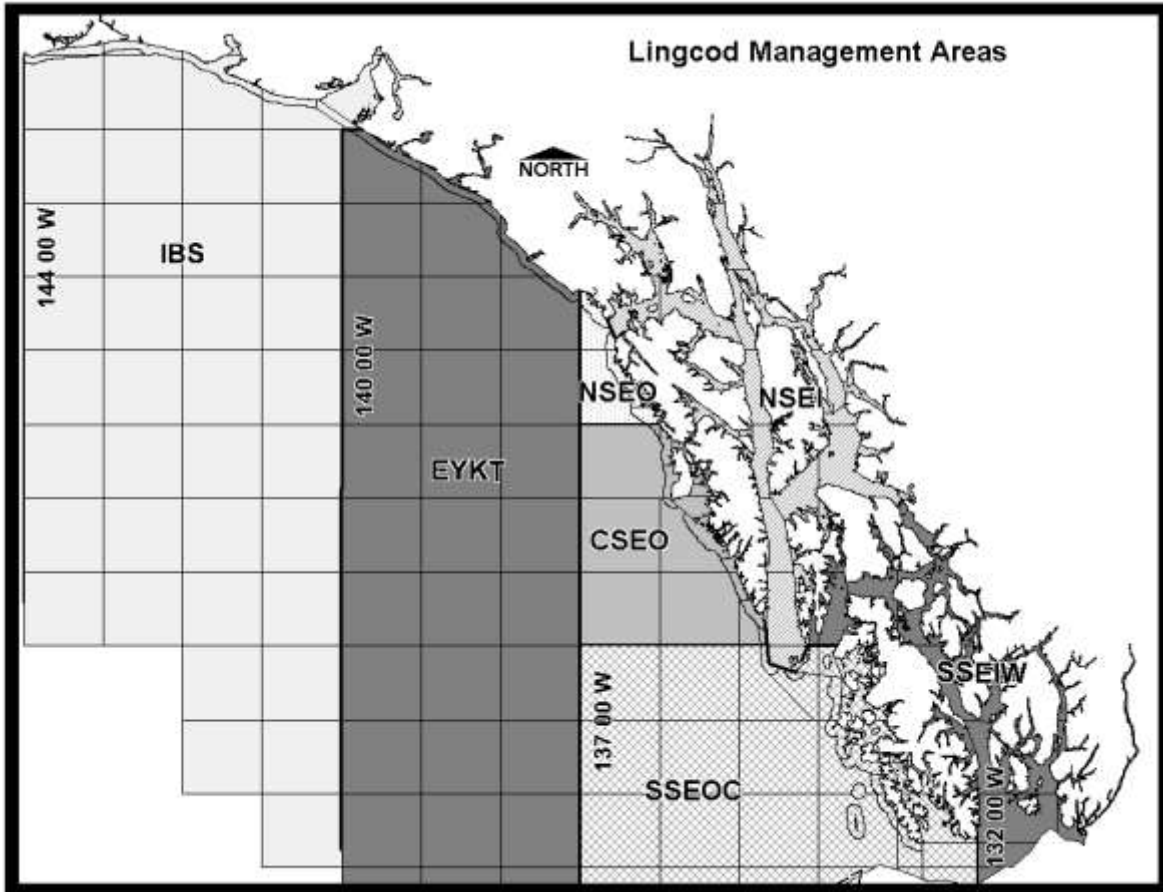
The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1G1618.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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<i>ADF&amp;G</i>	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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**Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.**

**This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105.**