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**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY-SSEOC**  
**SALMON TROLL BYCATCH FISHERIES-SSEOC AND NSEO**

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today a closure for the directed lingcod fishery in the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector and for lingcod taken as bycatch in the salmon troll fishery in the SSEOC Sector and Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, effective 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2019 (Figure 1.).

The 2019 directed lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for SSEOC is 50,100 round lb. To date, over 43,000 lb. have been landed in this fishery and the department estimates that the remainder of the GHL will be taken by the time of the closure.

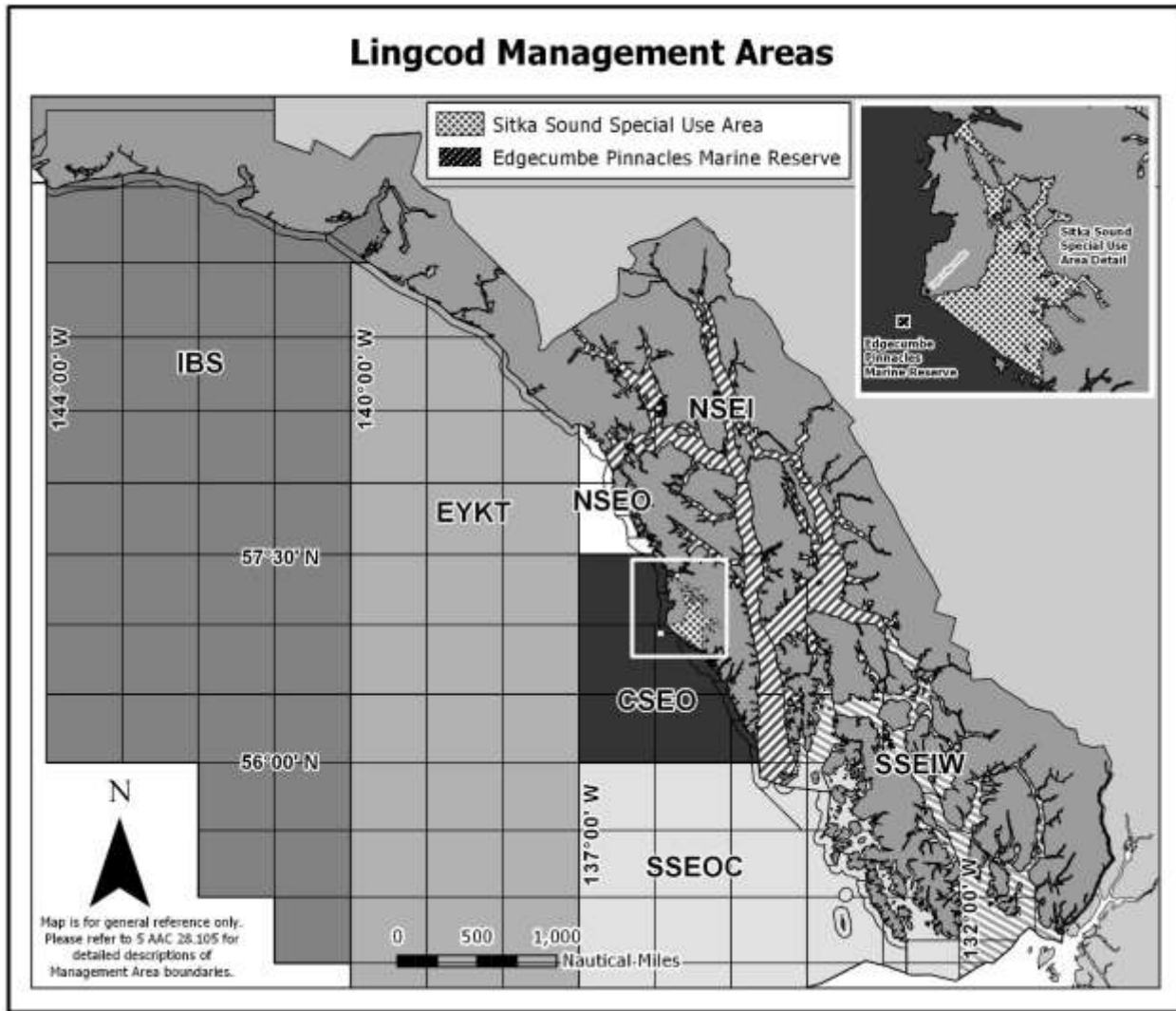
The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the superexclusive Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) registration area only. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the ADF&G news release issued on March 8, 2019.

The 2019 lingcod GHL for the SSEOC salmon troll fishery is 3,340 lb.; over 2,700 lb. of lingcod have been landed from this area. Over 1,700 lb. of the 3,200 lb. GHL have been taken in NSEO. The department is closing SSEOC and NSEO to lingcod retention in the salmon troll fishery to avoid exceeding the GHL during the upcoming Chinook salmon retention period.

Lingcod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the ADF&G news release issued on January 2, 2019.

Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by ADF&G news release, United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report, National Weather Service marine broadcast and the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1419.



**Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas**

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

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