

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



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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POLLOCK FISHERY CLOSURE  
KNIGHT ISLAND AND BAINBRIDGE SECTIONS  
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-04-12**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the Prince William Sound (PWS) Management Area Inside District opened January 20 with a fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) of 6.1 million pounds. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge and the total harvest from a section restricted to 60% of the GHL. The Hinchinbrook Section closed at 12:00 midnight February 2 based upon the predicted achievement of the maximum 60% section harvest level.

Current preliminary harvest reports and harvest projections indicate the balance of the GHL will be taken by 12:00 midnight February 13, 2012. Therefore, the directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl season in the Knight Island and Bainbridge Sections of the PWS Management Area will close at 12:00 midnight February 13, 2012 for the remainder of the calendar year.

This action effectively closes the PWS directed pollock trawl fishery for 2012. The department is soliciting interest from buyers or vessel captains to conduct a pollock test fishery in PWS. For additional information reference the department news release or contact Maria Wessel at 907-424-3212.

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