NORTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SECTION 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 Outside (NSEO) Section at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2019. The 10,800 lb. annual lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for NSEO longline fisheries has been taken.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open for longline fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, and Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict. 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 EO 1G1519.
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.