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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POLLOCK FISHERY
HINCHINBROOK SECTION REOPENING
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-04-14**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in Prince William Sound (PWS) Management Area's Inside District opened January 20 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 8.57 million pounds. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge with harvest from any section restricted to 60% of the GHL. The Hinchinbrook Section closed at 7:00 a.m. January 24 based on projected achievement of the maximum 60% section harvest level (5,146,912 pounds).

Based on current harvest reports the maximum 60% section harvest level was not achieved. Therefore, **the Hinchinbrook section will reopen to the commercial harvest of walleye pollock with pelagic trawl gear at 2:00 p.m. January 24, 2014.** Pollock fishing also remains open in the Knight Island and Bainbridge Sections, and all sections will remain open until either the GHL, section harvest levels, or bycatch levels are achieved, at which point sections will close by emergency order.

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