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SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTER COAST SECTOR LINGCOD SALMON TROLL BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery will close in the entire Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 12, 2014. The 2014 lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for troll fisheries in the SSEOC Sector is 3,340 round pounds. The current harvest is 2,996 lbs. Based on historic catch rates it is estimated that the GHL will be taken by the time of the closure.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open in salmon troll fisheries in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Inside Waters (SSEIW) Sector, and Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the news release issued on January 2, 2014.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1114.

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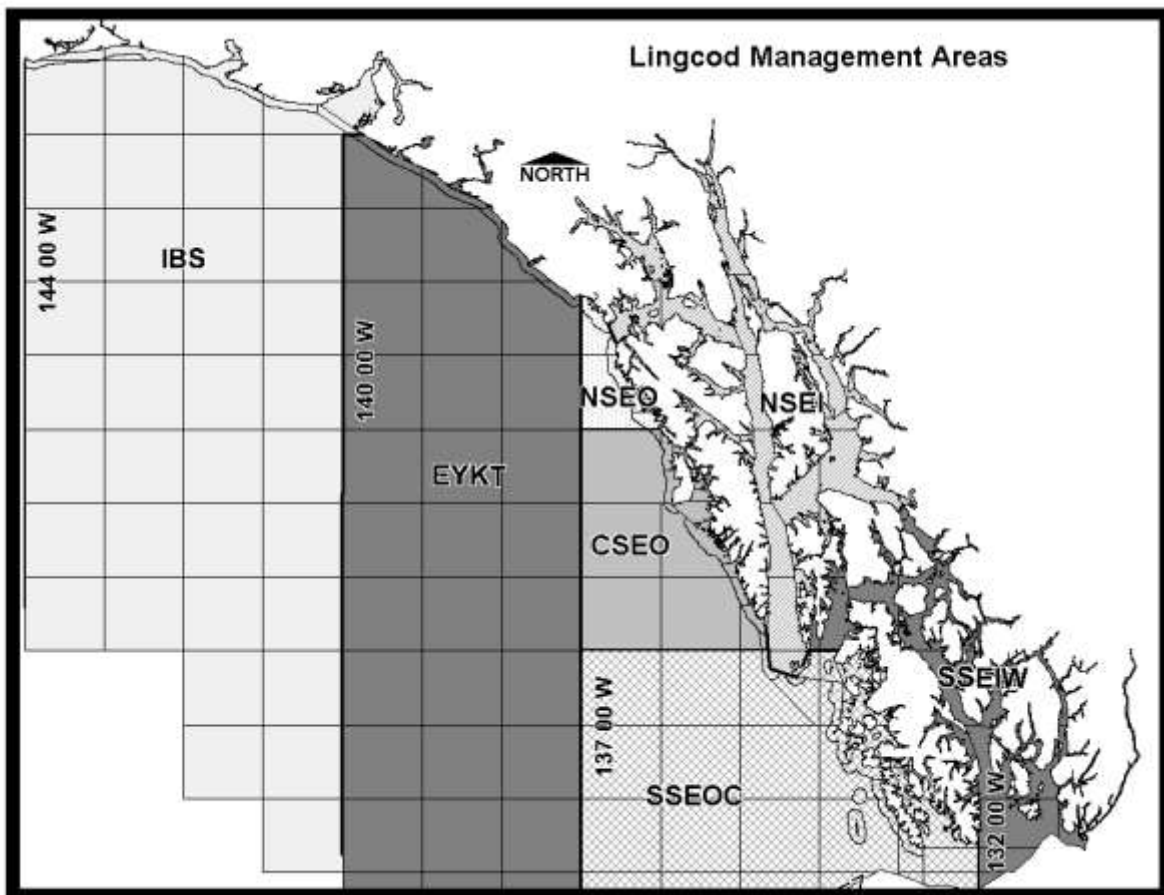


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

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