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2015 DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015. The allocation for the directed DSR fishery in EYKT is 71,625 round lb. The department estimates that 68,000 lb have been landed and the remainder of the quota will be taken by the time of the closure.

The directed DSR fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts. These areas will remain open until allocations are taken or until 4:00 p.m. on March 13, 2015, whichever occurs first. Catch and effort will be closely monitored and area closures may occur on short notice. Closures will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service broadcast. Updates of area closures will also be available on the Groundfish Hotline at (907) 747-4882.

For additional information regarding the 2015 directed DSR fishery, refer to the ADF&G news releases issued on December 11, 2014 and January 30, 2015.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0515.

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

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