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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST INTERNAL WATERS SECTOR LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

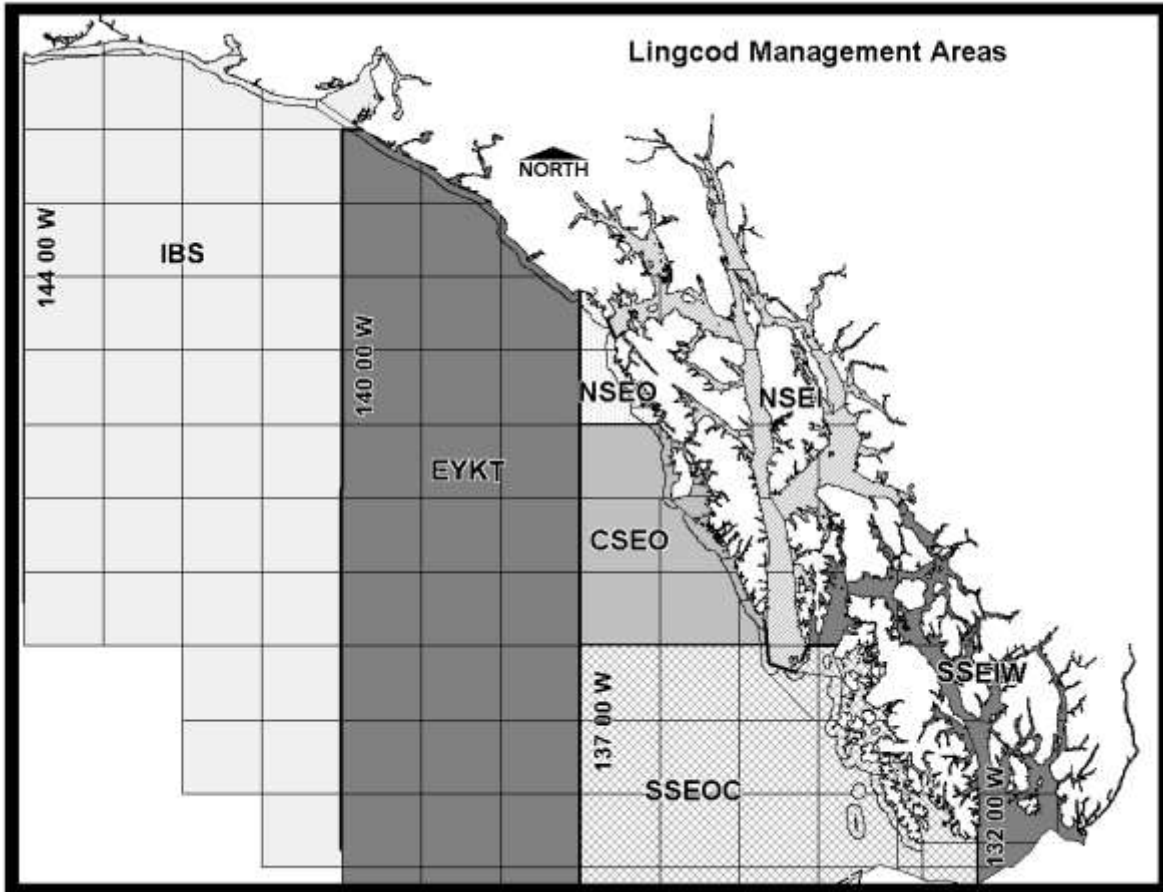
Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2015. The 2015 lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for SSEIW longline fisheries is 2,080 round pounds. To date, 2,076 round pounds have been landed from this area.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open for longline fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section and Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. 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 1G0915.

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

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<i>ADF&amp;G</i>	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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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.**