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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GROUNDFISH REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that new regulations affecting lingcod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery and logbook reporting requirements for groundfish jig fisheries in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area will become effective on July 1, 2015. These regulations were adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries on February 27, 2015.

#### **5 AAC 28.150 (b) and 5 AAC 28.173 (a)(4)**

Salmon troll permit holders will be permitted to retain and possess up to two personal use lingcod aboard a vessel while actively fishing for salmon within the Sitka Sound Local Area Management Plan area (LAMP) during the open Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section lingcod season. The CSEO area is open to lingcod retention in the salmon troll fishery May 16 through November 30, unless closed by emergency order. The dorsal fin of all lingcod taken in the LAMP shall be removed immediately upon harvest.

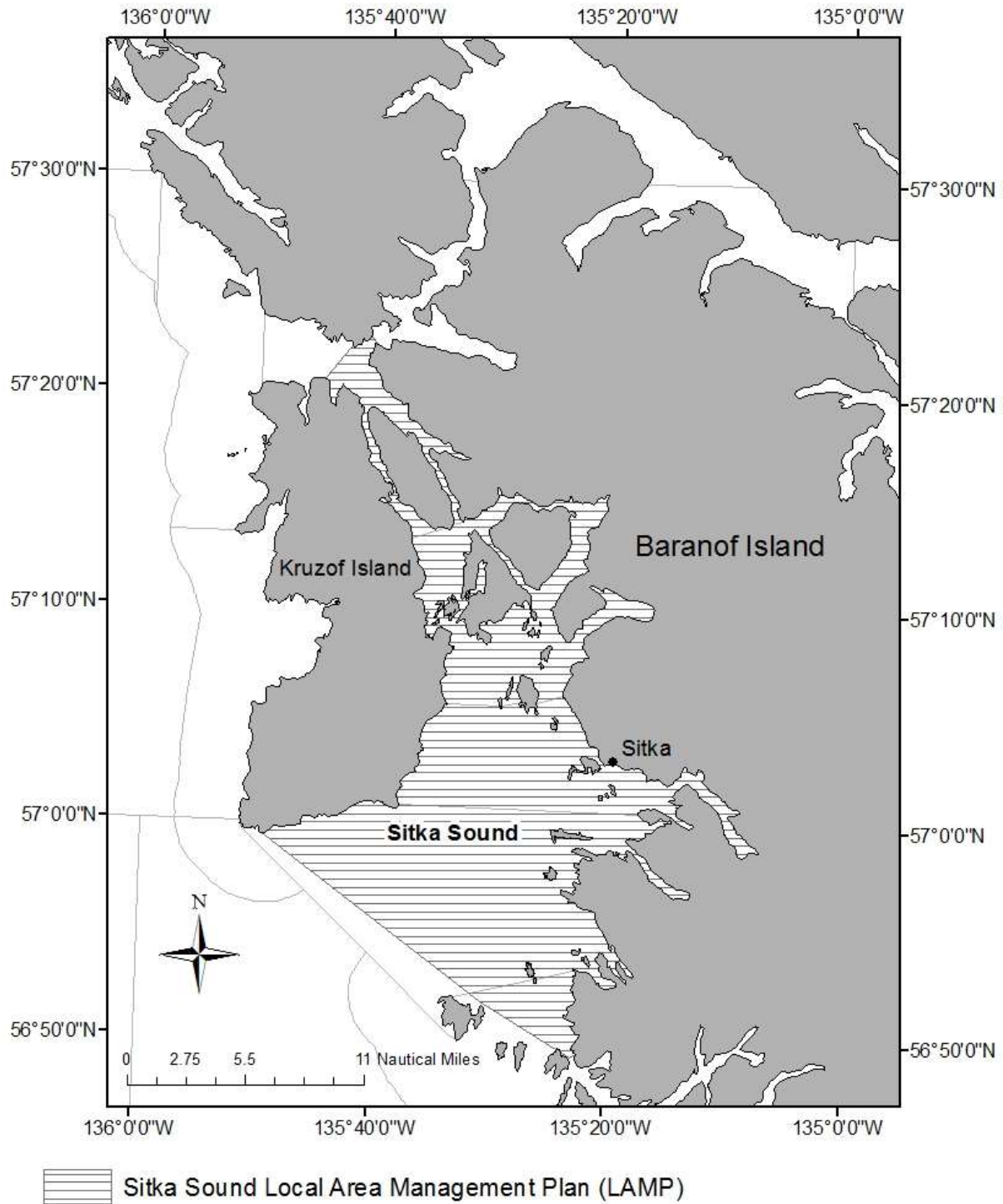
Having taken no more than two lingcod outside of the LAMP area, a permit holder may fish for salmon within the LAMP only after removing the dorsal fin of those lingcod. Vessels in possession of more than two lingcod may not fish for salmon within the LAMP until those lingcod are offloaded.

Lingcod that have been marked by the removal of the dorsal fin may be utilized for personal use only and may not be sold. Personal use lingcod must be weighed and reported on the ADF&G troll salmon fish ticket documenting that fishing trip. The head of each personal use lingcod must remain attached to the fish until reported on the fish ticket, in order to satisfy the 27 inch minimum size restriction.

#### **5 AAC 28.175 (b)(2)**

The operator of a vessel fishing for groundfish in a state-managed fishery in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area with dinglebar, mechanical jigging machines, or hand troll gear must maintain an accurate logbook that includes the date, the **specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, in degrees and decimal minutes**, and nearest headland, the number of lines and total number of hooks used, the average depth fished, the hours fished, and the number of bycatch fish taken, by species, for each unique geographic location fished

For additional information on groundfish fisheries, visit the Southeast Regional Groundfish Fisheries web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>.



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