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2018 EASTERN GULF OF ALASKA AREA LINGCOD ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the 2018 lingcod allocations for Southeast Alaska fisheries. 5 AAC 28.160(e) defines lingcod guideline harvest ranges (GHR) and 5 AAC 28.165 allocates the annual guideline harvest level (GHL) of each management area between the commercial directed lingcod fishery, commercial salmon troll, longline and groundfish jig bycatch fisheries, and sport fishery. The 2018 GHLs are unchanged from last season. Lingcod management areas include: Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector (Figure 1).

2018 Lingcod Allocations (round pound) by Fishery and Management Area

Area	IBS	EYKT	NSEO	CSEO	SSEOC	NSEI	SSEIW
GHL	100,000	225,000	40,000	240,000	167,000	32,000	52,000
Commercial directed fishery	46,000	111,000	17,200	86,400	50,100	0	0
Commercial longline bycatch	12,670	94,000	10,800	55,200	28,390	9,600	2,080
Commercial salmon troll bycatch	8,000	16,000	3,200	16,800	3,340	6,400	2,080
Commercial groundfish jig bycatch*	0	0	0	9,600	11,690	0	0
Sport fishery	33,330	4,000	8,800	72,000	73,480	16,000	47,840

*Groundfish jig bycatch fishery limited to mechanical jigging machines and hand troll gear.

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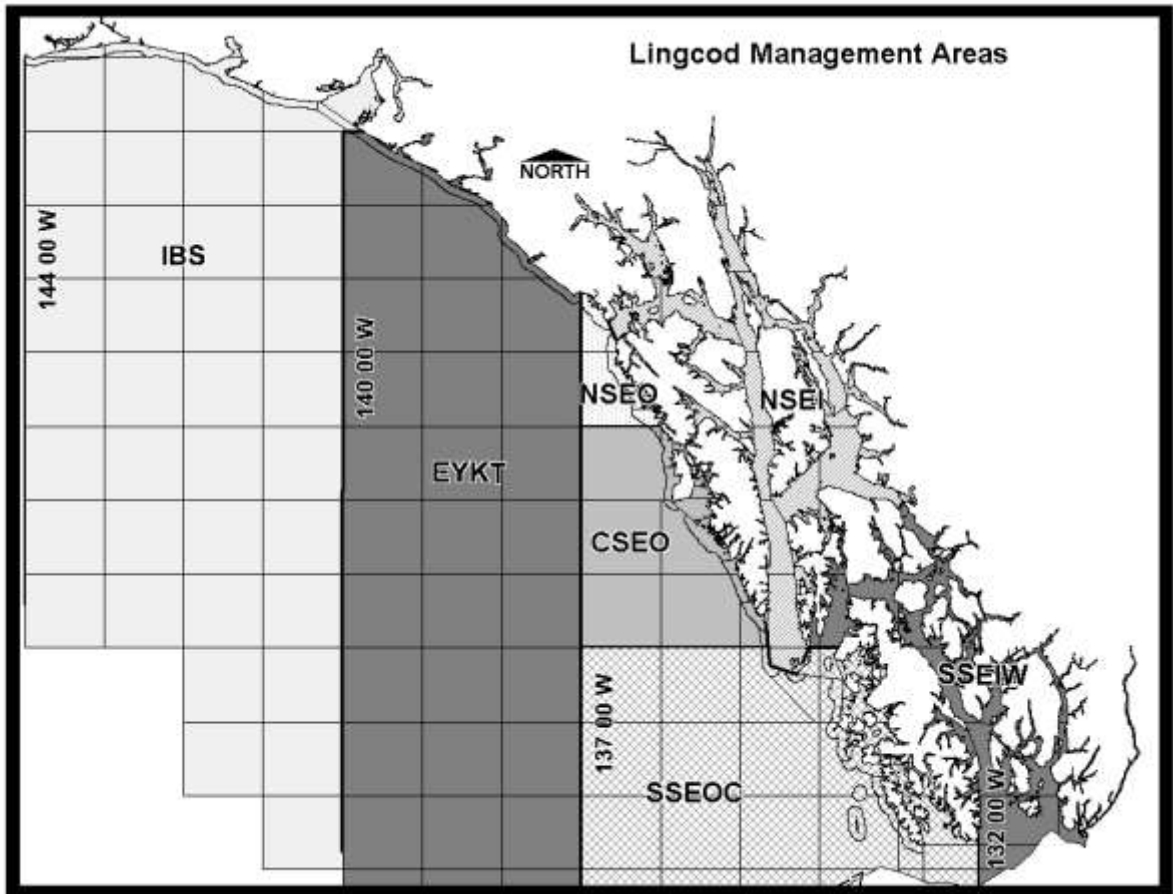


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

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