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NORTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE SECTION LINGCOD BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SALMON TROLL FISHERY

Douglas... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery will close in the entire Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2018. The 2018 NSEO troll lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) is 3,200 round pounds. To date, over 2,300 pounds have been landed from this area and the department anticipates the remainder of the allocation will be taken by the time of the closure.

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

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries are 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, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1018.

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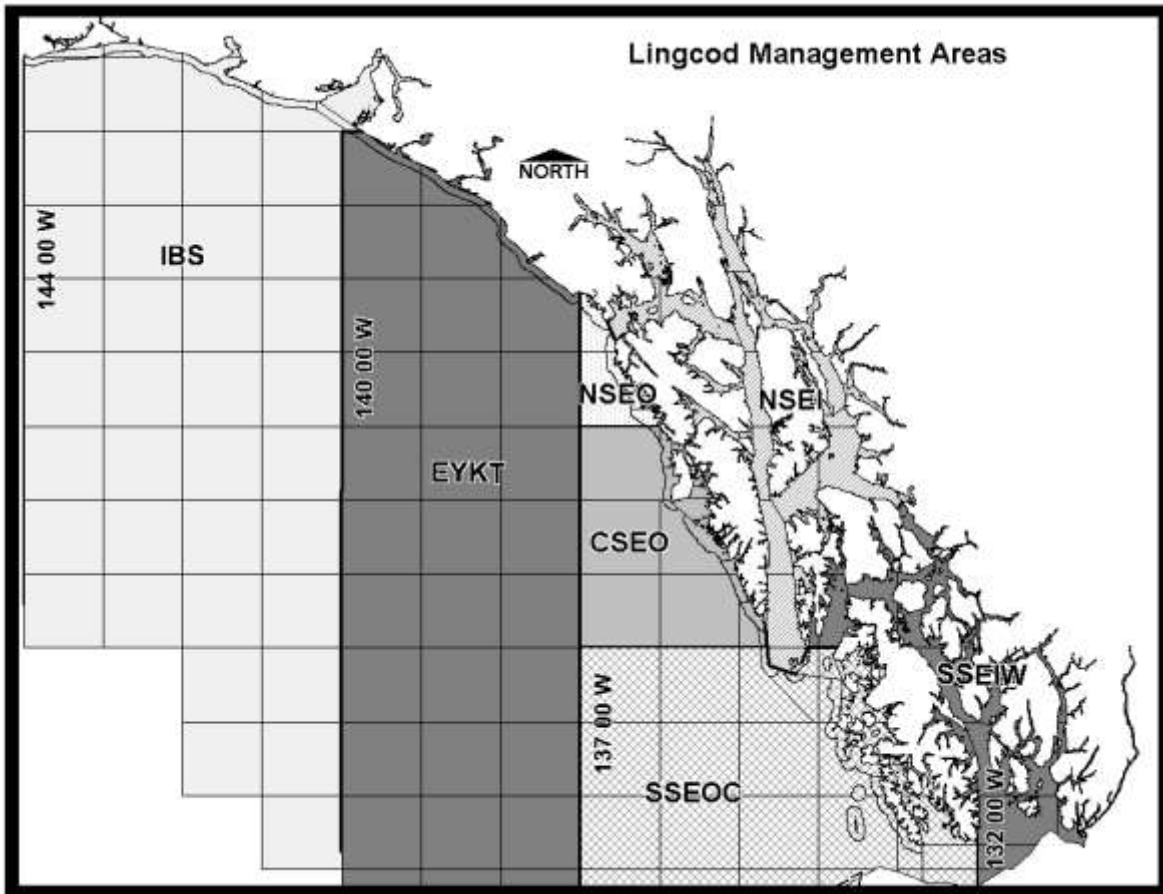


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

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