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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **EAST YAKUTAT SECTION LINGCOD BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SALMON TROLL FISHERY**

Sitka... 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 East Yakutat (EYKT) Section at 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 20, 2018. The 2018 EYKT commercial salmon troll fishery lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) of 16,000 round pounds has been taken.

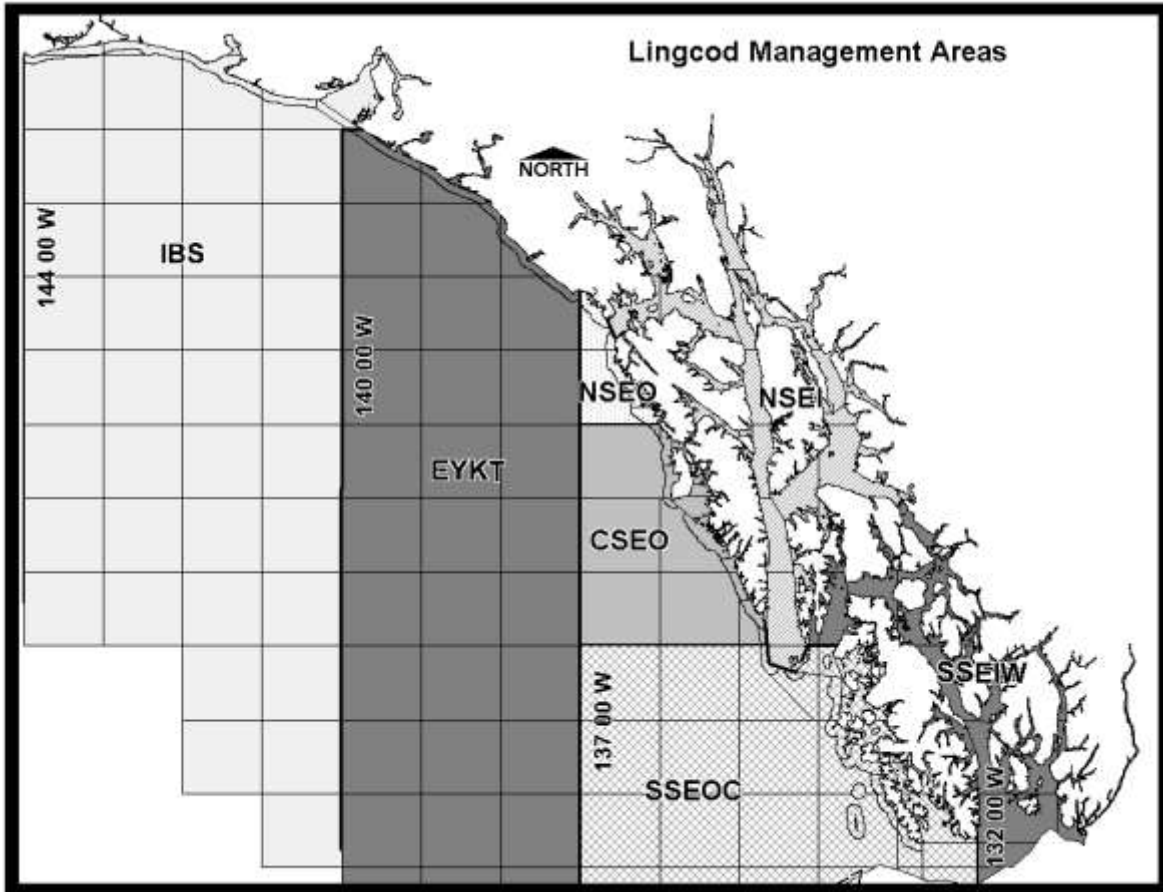
The lingcod bycatch season remains open for salmon troll fisheries in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. Lingcod catch 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 news releases issued on January 2 and July 9, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1118.

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

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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.**