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EAST YAKUTAT SECTION DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the directed fishery for lingcod will re-open in the entire East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, including the Fairweather Grounds, at 6:00 a.m., Friday, June 7, 2019. **Due to limited available harvest, all participants must complete a new registration form designated for this fishery opening.** Fishing time will be limited based on participation and fishermen should be prepared for a short fishery opening.

The 2019 directed lingcod fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) for the EYKT Section is 111,000 round lb. A total of 83,902 round lb. of lingcod was taken in the EYKT directed fishery in May. The department is re-opening the fishery under vessel trip limit provisions set forth in 5 AAC 28.173 (f) to catch the remaining GHL of 27,098 lb. The trip limit for this fishery will be set at **3,000 round pounds**; this is equivalent to **2,160 lb. western cut** (delivery code 07) or **1,950 lb. eastern cut** (delivery code 08). Vessels participating in the EYKT directed lingcod fishery may not take or possess on board the vessel lingcod in excess of 3,000 round lb. at any time during that fishing trip. The fishing trip is terminated when those lingcod are offloaded from the vessel and reported on an ADF&G fish ticket. **Lingcod taken in excess of the trip limit will be forfeited to the State of Alaska.**

Fishermen participating in the EYKT fishery are advised that the department **will announce a closure with as little as 6-hour 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. The department encourages fishermen to maintain close communication with the lingcod fishery manager (see contact information above) for updates on fishery status.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the ADF&G news release issued on March 8, 2019.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0919.

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

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