EAST YAKUTAT SECTION DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka… The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the directed fishery for lingcod will close in the entire East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, including the Fairweather Grounds, at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2019. The EYKT Section lingcod fishery was reopened June 7 with a 3,000 round lb. vessel trip limit. Over 16,000 lb. of the remaining 27,098 round lb. of guideline harvest level (GHL) have been landed in this second opening. The department anticipates that four vessels participating in the fishery will take the remainder of the GHL by the time of the closure.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) 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 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 1G1019.