ICY BAY SUBDISTRICT LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas…The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2019. The 12,670 lb lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for IBS longline fisheries has been taken.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open for longlined fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, and Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict. Lingcod harvest will be closely monitored, and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by ADF&G news release and telephone hotline (907) 747-4482, United States Coast Guard “Notice to Mariners” report, and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1119.