NSEO 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 Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, including the Fairweather Grounds at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019. The 2019 directed lingcod fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) for the NSEO Section is 17,200 round pounds. A directed fishery harvest of 17,000 round pounds has been reported from this area and the department anticipates the remainder of the GHL will be taken by the time of the closure.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), 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 1G1219.