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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## CENTRAL SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (CSEO) SECTION LINGCOD BYCATCH CLOSURE FOR SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery will close in the entire Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section at 11:59 pm, Friday, August 11, 2023. The 2023 CSEO salmon troll lingcod bycatch fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) is 16,800 round pounds. Based on reports from the grounds and harvest data to date, the department anticipates that the GHL will be taken by the time of the closure.

Lingcod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS), East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. Lingcod catches will be closely monitored, and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement, United States Coast Guard marine broadcast, and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all bycatch 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 the ADF&G lingcod allocation advisory announcement issued on January 3, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1223.

Advisory Announcement website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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