



Advisory Announcement

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2025 Prince William Sound Area Parallel Pacific Cod Season Closes to Longline Hook Gear State-Waters Pacific Cod Season Opens to Longline Hook Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-06-25

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) Pacific cod **parallel season** for longline hook gear closes at **12:00 noon on February 23** and the **state-waters season** for longline hook gear opens at **6:00 a.m. on March 20**, in conjunction with the Pacific halibut individual fishing quota (IFQ) season. There is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following the closure of a groundfish fishery. The parallel season will remain open to jig gear. The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the PWS state-waters season is 1,612,130 pounds and is allocated 50% to pot and jig gear combined (806,065 pounds) and 50% to longline hook gear (806,065 pounds).

Area registration for the state-waters season is exclusive and registrations may be obtained through ADF&G offices in Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, Soldotna, and Kodiak or by appointment in Seward (contact Homer ADF&G office).

Participants in the state-waters Pacific cod season are required to **check in with the department prior to each fishing trip** by telephoning (907) 424-7225 and reporting the following three items: 1) vessel name, 2) estimated date and time of departure for trip, and 3) estimated date of landing. This requirement is detailed on the area registration form and is required under 5 AAC 28.020(c).

Fishing area: During a state-waters season, Pacific cod may be taken in PWS waters (5 AAC 28.205) except for those waters of the Outside District east of 146° 15.12' W. long. (the latitude of Hook Point) as described under 5 AAC 28.267(e)(2) (Figure 1).

Steller Sea Lion rookery closures: Directed fishing for all groundfish species is closed in waters within 3 nautical miles of two Steller sea lion rookeries within PWS (Figure 1). For specific regulatory language contact NMFS in Kodiak at (907) 481-1780 or <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/sslpm>.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Homer at 907-235-8191.

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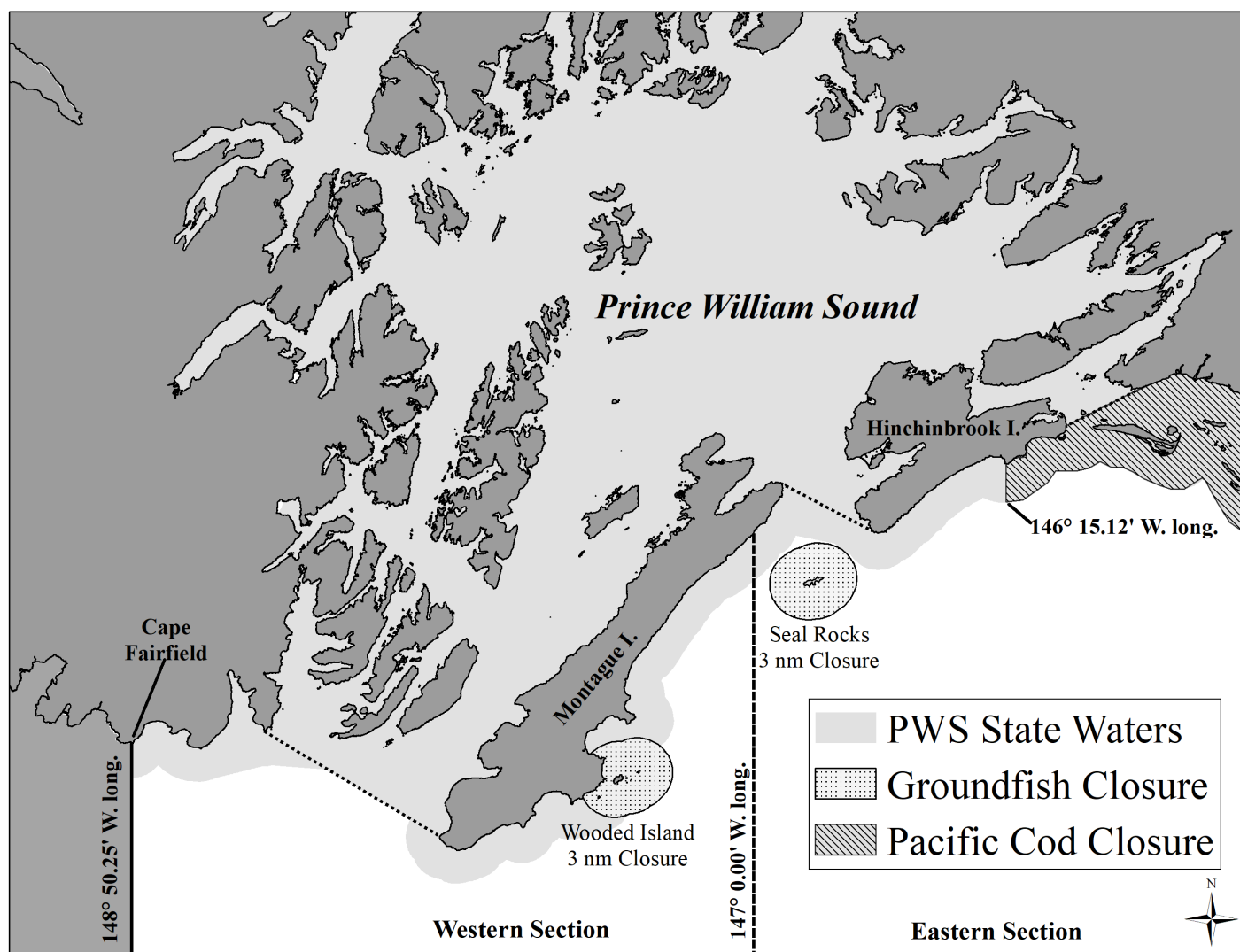


Figure 1. Prince William Sound Area groundfish closure areas and Pacific cod closure area.