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SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (SSEO) SECTION DIRECTED DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY CLOSURE

The directed fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the entire Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Section at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The 2025 directed DSR fishery allocation for the SSEO Section is 80,000 round pounds. Based on reported landings and communication with the fleet, the quota will be taken at the time of the closure.

The directed DSR fishery remains open in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict and portions of the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict. These areas will remain open until the fishery quotas are taken or until 4:00 p.m., March 19, 2025, whichever occurs first. Demersal shelf rockfish catches will be closely monitored, and fishers 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 regarding groundfish fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed demersal shelf rockfish fishery, refer to the ADF&G advisory announcement issued on February 3, 2025.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1G0525.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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