



Advisory Announcement

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Cook Inlet Area Lingcod Season Opens Emergency Order # 2-GF-H-08-25

CORRECTION: This advisory announcement, AA08-GF-H-25, replaces the previous announcement. The previous announcement for Cook Inlet Area (CI) lingcod contained the Prince William Sound Area (PWS) lingcod announcement.

The commercial season for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod jig fishery and retention of lingcod as bycatch, will open **midnight 12:00 a.m. July 1**. The guideline harvest level is set at 52,500 pounds. Legal gear types for the directed lingcod fishery are mechanical jig and hand troll and only legal gear types may be aboard a vessel.

To help meet biological sampling objectives, Emergency Order (EO) 2-GF-H-08-25 requires **lingcod to be delivered with the head attached and with the vent and one-inch area forward of the vent intact** as evidence of sex. Retained lingcod must measure at least **35 inches** from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

There is a 6-hour prior notice of landing (PNOL) requirement. Participants must contact ADF&G after each directed lingcod jig trip in the Cook Inlet Area by telephoning (907) 226-2121 at least 6 hours prior to landing and reporting the following: 1) vessel name/ADF&G number, 2) date and location of landing, including estimated time of arrival, 3) buyer or processor, and 4) estimated pounds of lingcod onboard.

Fishers targeting groundfish or halibut in Cook Inlet Area waters (state and federal) **may retain lingcod** as bycatch up to 20 percent of the round weight of directed harvest aboard the vessel beginning midnight 12:00 a.m. July 1. Lingcod retained as bycatch must also be delivered with the head on and vent area intact (EO # 2-GF-H-08-25). After the directed lingcod fishery is closed, lingcod may not be retained. Participants are reminded that lingcod may not be taken in the waters of Resurrection Bay north of a line between Cape Resurrection and Cape Aialik (see map).

ADF&G management authority for lingcod extends into federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). In addition to state requirements of a gear-appropriate permit card and area registration, fishers targeting lingcod, in federal waters are also required to have a Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP). FFP application forms are available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-federal-fisheries-permit-and-federal-processor-permit-applications> and at National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices in Homer, Anchorage, or Seward.

Required groundfish registrations may be obtained at ADF&G offices in Homer, Soldotna, and Anchorage. Questions should be directed to the Homer ADF&G office at 907-235-8191.

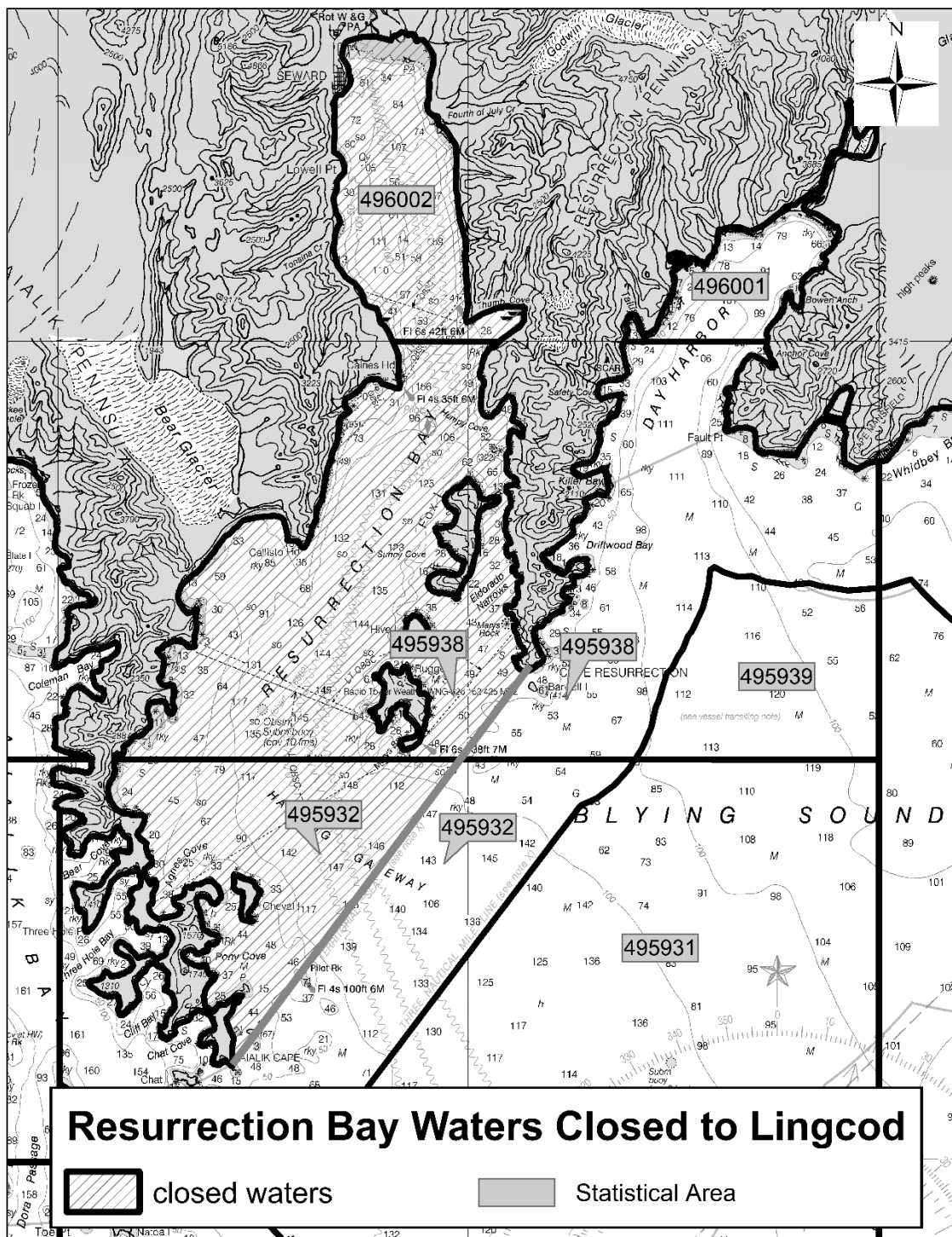


Figure 1.-Resurrection Bay waters closed to retention of lingcod.