



Advisory Announcement

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REGULATORY UPDATES FOR THE DIRECTED DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERY

Regulations adopted at the 2025 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting for the directed demersal shelf rockfish commercial fishery will become effective **June 27, 2025**, (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=219750>) and are summarized as follows:

Weather Delay Provision

The opening for the directed demersal shelf rockfish fishery in the Southeast Outside Subdistrict will be delayed as follows:

- 24 hours if the corresponding National Weather Service marine forecast issued during the 48 hours before the season opening contains freezing spray or gale force winds of 35 knots or higher for the scheduled opening date; and
- 48 hours if the corresponding National Weather Service marine forecast issued during the 48 hours before the season opening date contains freezing spray or gale force winds of 35 knots or higher for the day after the scheduled opening date.

An announcement of a delay will be issued at least 24 hours before the season opening of the fishery. If freezing spray or gale force winds of 35 knots or higher continue after the initial delay, the season opening will be delayed an additional 24 hours. The delay may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis as necessary for up to five days after the scheduled opening date.

The corresponding National Weather Service marine forecast areas for the management sections of the Southeast Outside Subdistrict are as follows [5 AAC 28.111(c)–(e)]:

- East Yakutat (EYKT) Section: Cape Fairweather to Icy Cape;
- Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section: Cape Edgumbe to Cape Spencer and Cape Spencer to Cape Fairweather;
- Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section: Cape Decision to Cape Edgumbe and Cape Edgumbe to Cape Spencer; and
- Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Section: Dixon Entrance to Cape Decision..

Logbook Requirements

Logbooks for longline and pot gear must include vessel and permit holder information, trip details (e.g., dates, port, crew size, bait, gear specs), and set data such as gear deployment and retrieval times, start and end coordinates, gear amounts, and depth. They must also include the number or weight of all retained and released target and bycatch species, as well as any tag numbers from tagged fish [5 AAC 28.175(b)(1)].

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