



Advisory Announcement
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**REGULATORY UPDATES FOR LINGCOD BYCATCH IN COMMERCIAL HALIBUT
AND GROUNDFISH FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN GULF OF ALASKA**

Regulations adopted at the 2025 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting for lingcod bycatch in state and federal fisheries will become effective **June 27, 2025**, (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=219750>) and are summarized as follows:

Lingcod Possession and Landing Requirements

The following changes in lingcod possession and landing regulations pertain to lingcod taken in state and federal waters of the Southeast District.

- A vessel fishing for halibut with longline gear may not land or have on board lingcod in excess of the allowable bycatch limit specified in the first emergency order of the season, based on the round weight of halibut on board the vessel;
- A vessel fishing for halibut and sablefish at the same time may not land or have on board lingcod in excess of the allowable bycatch limit specified in the first emergency order of the season, based on the round weight of halibut on board the vessel; and
- A vessel fishing with longline gear may not land or have on board lingcod in excess of 35 percent, based on the round weight of target species taken in the directed fishery that are on board the vessel.

As a reminder, a vessel fishing for sablefish may not land or have on board lingcod, except when fishing for halibut and sablefish at the same time, as described above.

Lingcod caught in excess of the allowable bycatch limit, based on the round weight of the target species on board the vessel, must be immediately released at sea. Lingcod landed in excess of the allowable bycatch limit must be weighed and reported as bycatch overage on an ADF&G fish ticket and sold. Proceeds from the sale of excess lingcod bycatch shall be surrendered to the State of Alaska. Based on harvest, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the bycatch season and immediately reopen a bycatch season during which a different lingcod bycatch level is allowed [5 AAC 28.173(a-b)].

For more information on bycatch possession and landing requirements, refer to the 2025 Groundfish Bycatch Regulations advisory announcement issued on March 14, 2025.

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

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