



Advisory Announcement
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REGULATORY UPDATES FOR GROUND FISH BYCATCH IN THE SALMON TROLL FISHERIES

Regulations adopted at the 2025 Southeast Board of Fisheries meeting for groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll 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

In the Southeast District, a vessel salmon fishing with troll 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 salmon on board the vessel, as follows:

- Lingcod caught in excess of the allowable bycatch limit 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 [5 AAC 28.173(a)(5)].

Rockfish Possession and Landing Requirements

In the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, a salmon troll permit holder operating hand or power troll gear during an open commercial salmon fishing period is not required to retain rockfish incidentally caught while fishing for salmon; however,

- Retained rockfish must be weighed and reported on an ADF&G fish ticket;
- Retained rockfish in excess of the allowable bycatch limits established by emergency order, based on the round weight of salmon on board the vessel, must be reported as bycatch overage on an ADF&G fish ticket and sold;
- Proceeds from the sale of excess rockfish bycatch shall be surrendered to the State of Alaska [5 AAC 28.171(i)].

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