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Prince William Sound Area 2026 Directed Pollock Pelagic Trawl Hinchinbrook Section Closure Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-04-26

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the **Hinchinbrook Section of Prince William Sound (PWS)** will close at **12:30 p.m. January 26.**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the PWS Inside District opened January 20 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 7.3 million lb. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge with rockfish and salmon harvest from any section restricted to 60% (22,000 lb and 443 salmon respectively) of the fishery bycatch cap (36,000 lb and 739 salmon respectively). Based on processor reporting, average weights of rockfish per landing, and at sea bycatch reporting, it is projected that the 60% rockfish section cap of 22,000 lb in the Hinchinbrook section will be reached.

Pollock fishing will remain open in the Bainbridge and Knight Island sections until March 31, 2026, unless closed earlier by emergency order.

Please contact Homer ADFG office at 907-235-8191 for more information.

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