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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2026 DIRECTED DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY CLOSURE**

The directed commercial fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The directed DSR fishery will remain closed in the East Yakutat (EYKT), Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO), Central Southeast Outside (CSEO), and Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Sections for the remainder of 2026.

The NSEI and SSEI directed DSR fisheries are closing by regulation (5 AAC 28.111) on the day prior to the start of the commercial halibut season. Details regarding the 2026 fall directed DSR fishery will be announced at a later date.

Updates regarding groundfish fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1G0526.

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