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Prince William Sound Area Lingcod Season Opens Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-10-26

The commercial season for the Prince William Sound Area (PWS) directed lingcod fishery will open midnight 12:00 a.m. July 1, 2026. The guideline harvest levels are 7,300 pounds for the Inside District and 25,300 pounds for the Outside District, including adjacent federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (Figure 1). Legal gear types for the directed lingcod fishery are mechanical jig, hand troll, and longline hook. Only one legal gear type may be aboard a vessel, with the exception of mechanical and hand jig gear types.

To help meet biological sampling objectives, emergency order (EO) 2-GF-E-10-26 requires lingcod be delivered with the head attached and with the vent and one-inch area forward of the vent intact as evidence of sex. Retained lingcod must measure at least 35 inches from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.

There is a 6-hour prior notice of landing (PNOL) requirement. Participants must contact ADF&G after each directed lingcod trip in the PWS by telephoning (907) 226-2121 at least 6 hours prior to landing and reporting the following: 1) vessel name/ADF&G number, 2) date and location of landing, including estimated time of arrival, 3) buyer or processor, and 4) estimated pounds of lingcod onboard.

Fishers targeting groundfish or halibut in PWS (state and federal) may retain lingcod as bycatch up to 20 percent of the round weight of directed harvest aboard the vessel beginning midnight 12:00 a.m. July 1. Lingcod retained as bycatch must also be delivered with the head on and vent area intact (EO # 2-GF-E-10-26). Vessels must retain all rockfish bycatch except for those participating in the directed lingcod fishery with mechanical jig and hand troll gear may release rockfish using an approved deepwater release mechanism. All participants must comply with rockfish trip limits (5 AAC 26.265(a)).

ADF&G management authority for lingcod extends into federal waters of the EEZ. In addition to state requirements of appropriate CFEC permit card and area registration, fishers targeting lingcod in federal waters are also required to have a Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP). FFP application forms are available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-federal-fisheries-permit-and-federal-processor-permit-applications> and at National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices in Homer, Anchorage, or Seward.

Groundfish registrations may be obtained at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Homer, and Cordova or online at [Prince William Sound Groundfish, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#). Registrations are not valid until signed by an ADF&G. For further questions or to register by phone please contact the Homer ADF&G office at 907-235-8191.

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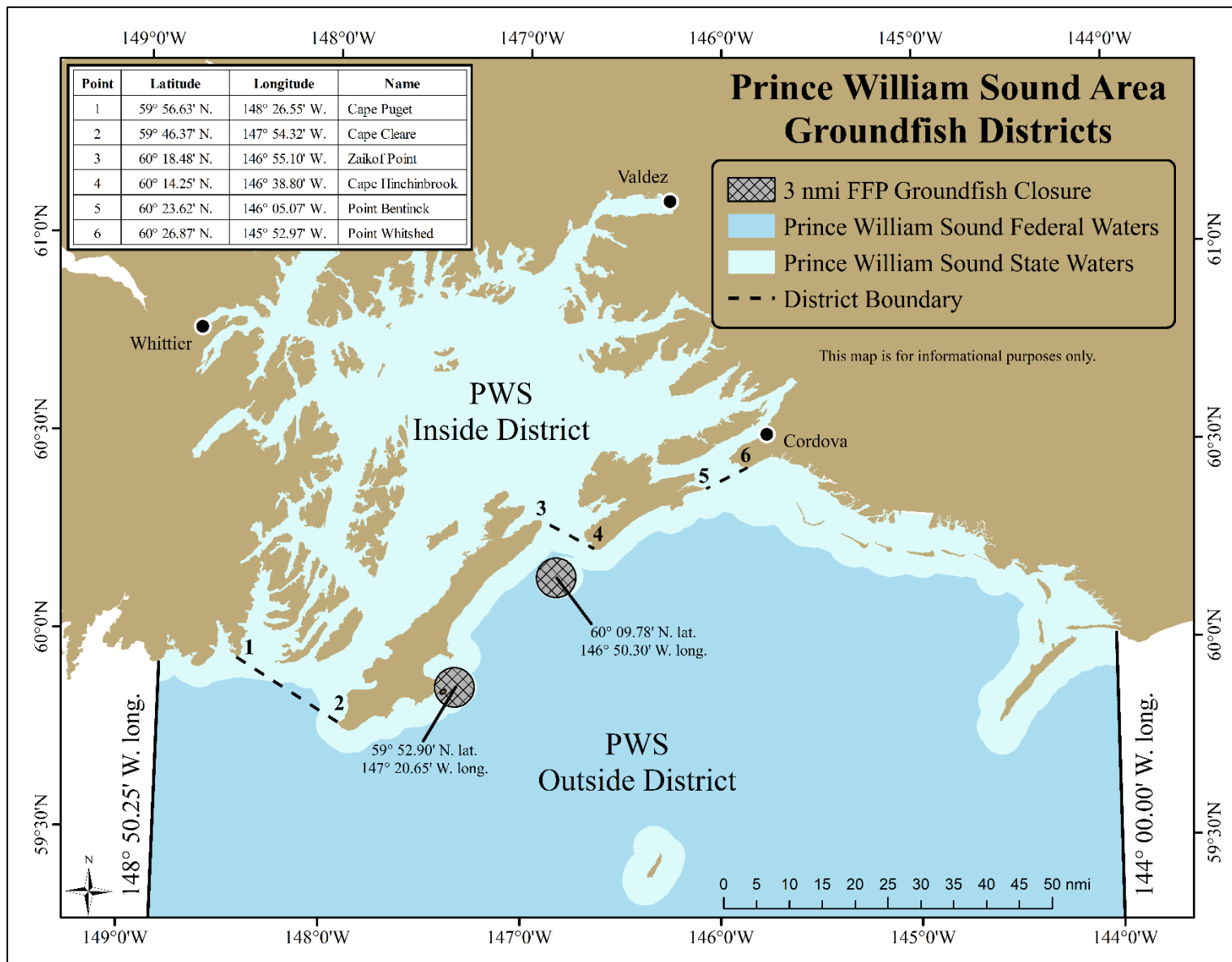


Figure 1.-Prince William Sound Area Inside and Outside Districts.