

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Forrest R. Bowers, Acting Director

Homer Area Office
3298 Douglas Place
Homer, AK 99603



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release:
June 16, 2026

CONTACT:

Martin Schuster, Area Management Biologist
Andy Pollak, Asst. Area Management Biologist
(907) 235-8191

2026 Prince William Sound Area Parallel Pacific Cod Season Opens to Vessels Using Jig Gear Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-11-26

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) parallel Pacific cod season will open to vessels using jig gear in state-waters at 12:00 noon on June 16, 2026. Vessels must retain all rockfish bycatch except for those participating in directed fisheries using mechanical jig and hand troll gear. Vessels using jig gear may release rockfish using an approved deepwater release mechanism. All participants must comply with rockfish trip limits (5 AAC 26.265(a)).

Groundfish registrations may be obtained at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (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 ADF&G. For further questions or to register by phone please contact the Homer ADF&G office at 907-235-8191.

Two Steller sea lion rookeries within PWS, Wooded Island (Fish Island) and Seal Rocks, remain closed to fishing for all gear types out to 3 nautical miles during a parallel Pacific cod season (Figure 1). For more information on sea lion closure areas contact NMFS in Kodiak at (907) 481-1780 or consult the NMFS website at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/sslpm>.

Bycatch limits by species or species aggregate for PWS are set by EO 2-GF-E-01-26 and may be found in the Central Region Groundfish Fisheries Outlook Advisory Announcement.

-end-

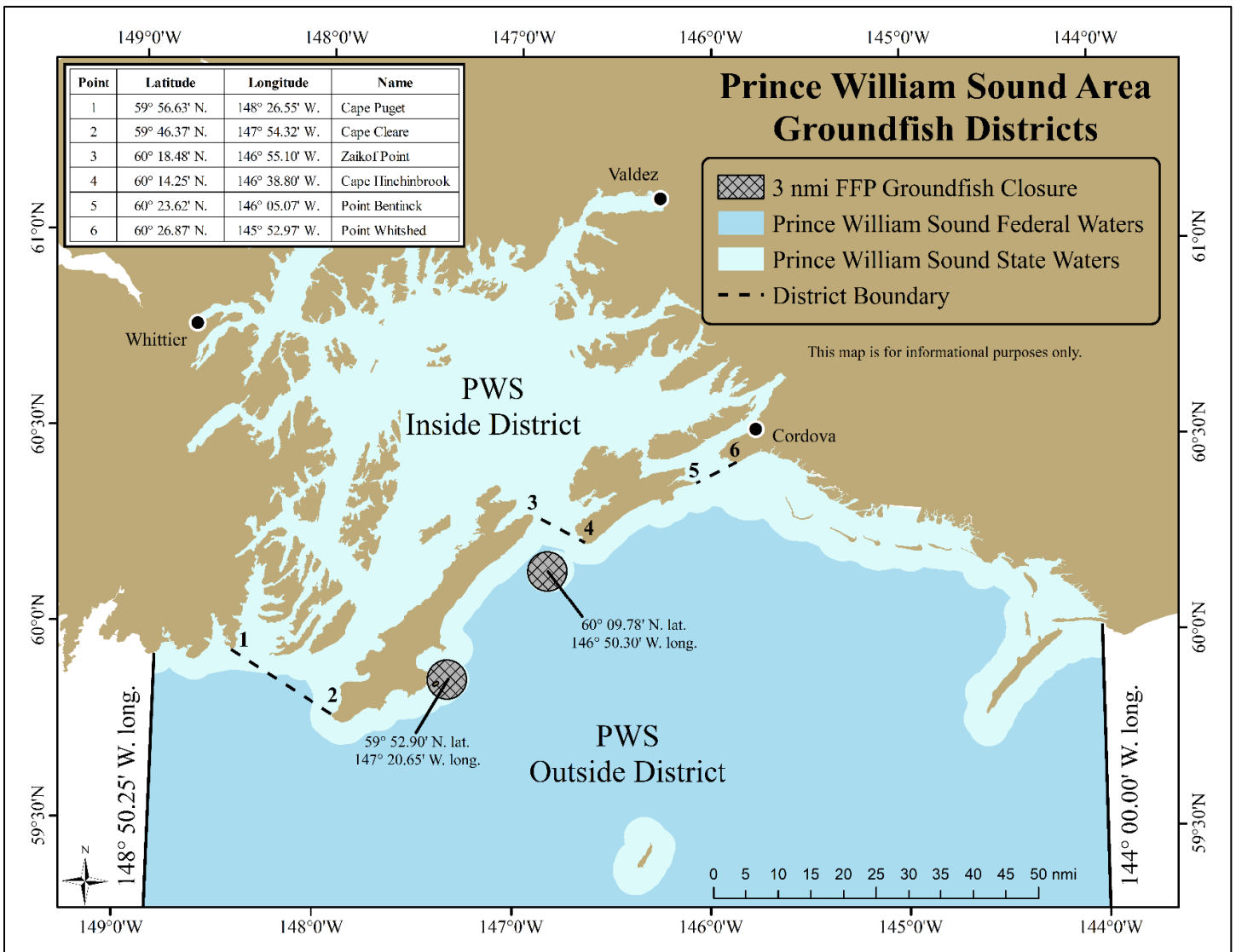


Figure 1.-Prince William Sound Area Inside and Outside Districts.