



Advisory Announcement
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ICY BAY SUBDISTRICT (IBS) LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE

The retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) at 11:59 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2026. The 12,670 lb lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for IBS longline fisheries is estimated to be taken by the time of closure.

The lingcod bycatch season remains open for longline fisheries (excluding sablefish) of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, and the Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector.

Updates on area closures for all lingcod bycatch fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. Lingcod catches will be closely monitored, and fishers should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement, United States Coast Guard marine broadcast, and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1626.

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