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## CENTRAL SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (CSEO) SECTION DIRECTED LINGCOD FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

The directed fishery for lingcod will close in the entire Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) management area at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021. The 2021 directed lingcod fishery guideline harvest level (GHL) for the CSEO Section is 86,400 round pounds. Based on reported landings and communication with the fleet, the department anticipates the GHL will be taken at the time of the closure.

The directed lingcod fishery remains open in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) and Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector. Lingcod catches will be closely monitored, and fishermen 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.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on the directed lingcod fishery, refer to the ADF&G advisory announcement issued on March 25, 2021.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <u>https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/</u>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G0921.

Advisory Announcement website: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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