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## **Advisory Announcement**

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**Prince William Sound Area**  
**Walleye Pollock Pelagic Trawl Fishery**  
**Hinchinbrook Section Closure**  
**Emergency Order # 2-GF-E-04-23**

The directed fishery for walleye pollock *Gadus chalcogrammus* using pelagic trawl gear in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Registration Area E) **will close in the Hinchinbrook Section at 9:00 a.m. January 30.**

The directed walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery in the PWS Inside District opened January 20 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 7.31 million lb. The Inside District is divided into three sections: Hinchinbrook, Knight Island, and Bainbridge with harvest from any section restricted to 60% of the GHL or 4.39 million lb. Based on current effort and projected harvest levels, the allowable harvest in the Hinchinbrook Section will be achieved.

Pollock fishing will remain open in the Knight Island and Bainbridge sections until the GHL or bycatch limits are achieved.

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