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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST INTERNAL WATERS (SSEIW) SECTOR LINGCOD LONGLINE BYCATCH CLOSURE

The retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial longline fisheries will close in the entire Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2024. The 2,080 lb lingcod guideline harvest level (GHL) for SSEIW longline fisheries is estimated to be taken at the time of closure.

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

Updates of area closures for all bycatch lingcod 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 1G0824.

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