

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 2-LC-4-22-26**

**Issued at:** Kodiak, Tuesday March 31, 2026

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2026

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order reduces the bag and possession limit for lingcod in the waters of Afognak and Shuyak Islands, north of a the latitude of Tonki Cape (north of 58° 21.181' N. lat.) and north of the latitude of Black Cape (north of 58° 24.583' N. lat.), inclusive of all waters between these points, the bag limit for lingcod is 1 per day, 2 in possession, 35 inches in length or greater.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022(b)(13) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 31, 2026.

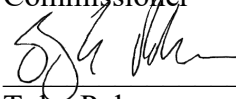
#### **5 AAC 64.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for the Kodiak Area.**

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(A) the bag limit for lingcod is 1 per day, 2 in possession, 35" or greater in length.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:



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Tyler Polum  
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

The harvest of lingcod in the northern part of Afognak and Shuyak Islands has been increasing steadily since 2019 and lingcod harvest in this area accounts for approximately 35% of the Kodiak area guided lingcod harvest. Little information exists in terms of population size or structure of lingcod in northern Afognak, Shuyak Island or other areas in the Kodiak archipelago and it is unknown what a sustainable harvest level is for lingcod. Given the increasing harvest in this relatively small and confined area, it is warranted to restrict harvest of lingcod to avoid harvesting lingcod at an unsustainable level. Restricting harvest to only fish greater than 35

inches will ensure lingcod have the chance to spawn at least once and mirror existing bag limits in adjacent Cook Inlet waters.

Bag limits in this emergency order will mirror the Cook Inlet bag limit for lingcod for regulatory simplicity in management areas in close proximity.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Alaska Wildlife Troopers Kodiak Office.