



Advisory Announcement
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**EAST YAKUTAT (EYKT) AND SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTSIDE (SSEO)
SECTIONS DIRECTED DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY CLOSURE**

The directed commercial fishery for demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) will close at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 1, 2026, in the entire East Yakutat (EYKT) and Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO) Sections. The quota for the directed DSR fishery in EYKT is 52,000 round lb and the quota in SSEO is 80,000 round lb. Based on reported landings and communication with the fleet, the quotas will be taken at the time of the closure.

The winter directed commercial fishery for DSR remains open in portions of the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) and Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistricts. These areas will remain open until the fishery quotas are taken or until 4:00 p.m., March 25, 2026, whichever occurs first. Demersal shelf rockfish 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.

For additional information on the directed commercial DSR fisheries, refer to the ADF&G advisory announcements issued on December 18, 2025, and January 26, 2026. Updates regarding groundfish fisheries are available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1G0426.

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