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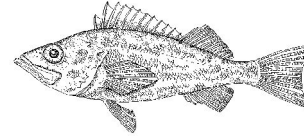
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### 2010 WINTER DEMERSAL SHELF ROCKFISH FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the 2010 directed fishery for Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR) will open in the Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict and the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. These areas will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the start of the commercial halibut fishery unless closed by Emergency Order at an earlier date. The seven species of rockfish in the DSR assemblage are yelloweye, quillback, canary, rosethorn, copper, china, and tiger.

#### Harvest Guidelines for the Directed Winter DSR Fishery:

Area	Quota (mt)	LBS
NSEI	17	37,485
SSEI	17	37,485

The announcement regarding the 2010 directed DSR fishery in the Southeast Outside Subdistrict (SEO) will be made by February 1st. This area includes all waters of East Yakutat (EYKT), Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO), Central Southeast Outside (CSEO), and Southern Southeast Outside (SSEO). There is no directed fishery in the Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS). The Department will announce the details for any directed fishery openings in SEO once the 2010 halibut quotas are finalized by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) at their annual meeting, to be held January 26-29. DSR harvest in the halibut fishery is linked to the halibut quota, therefore the Department cannot estimate potential DSR bycatch in that fishery until those quotas are established. All potential bycatch of DSR is accounted for in advance of the season to determine whether there is adequate DSR quota remaining to prosecute a directed winter DSR fishery in SEO.

#### Closed Waters

##### **The following waters are closed to directed fishing for DSR:**

**In the Ketchikan vicinity:** all waters of Behm Canal, Clarence Strait, Tongass Narrows, Nichols Passage, George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, Thorne Arm, Revillagigedo Channel, and all contiguous waters enclosed by the latitude of Bushy Point Light, a line from Point Alava to the southernmost tip of Ham Island, a line from Cedar Point to Dall Head, and a line from Dall Head to a point in midstream Clarence Strait at the latitude of Dall Head to Caamano Point.

**In the vicinity of Craig and Klawock:** all waters of Ulloa Channel north of the latitude of Waterfall Cannery, and all waters enclosed by a line from the southernmost tip of St. Philip Island to the northernmost tip of San Fernando Island, to Point Cangrejo.

**In NSEI:** the waters of Glacier Bay; the waters of Dundas Bay north and west of a line running from 58°22.90' N. lat., 136°25.30' W. long. and 58°23.60' N. lat., 136°24.60' W. long.

### **General Provisions**

Fishermen are required to register their vessel with the Department before participating in the directed DSR winter fishery. Logbooks are required and a copy of the logbook pages detailing a landing must be attached to the fish ticket at the time of that landing. Fishermen are required to report the following: location of catch by set in latitude and longitude for start and ending positions, amount of gear (skates and hooks), depth of each set, and amount of catch per set by species. Logbooks are available at ADF&G area offices.

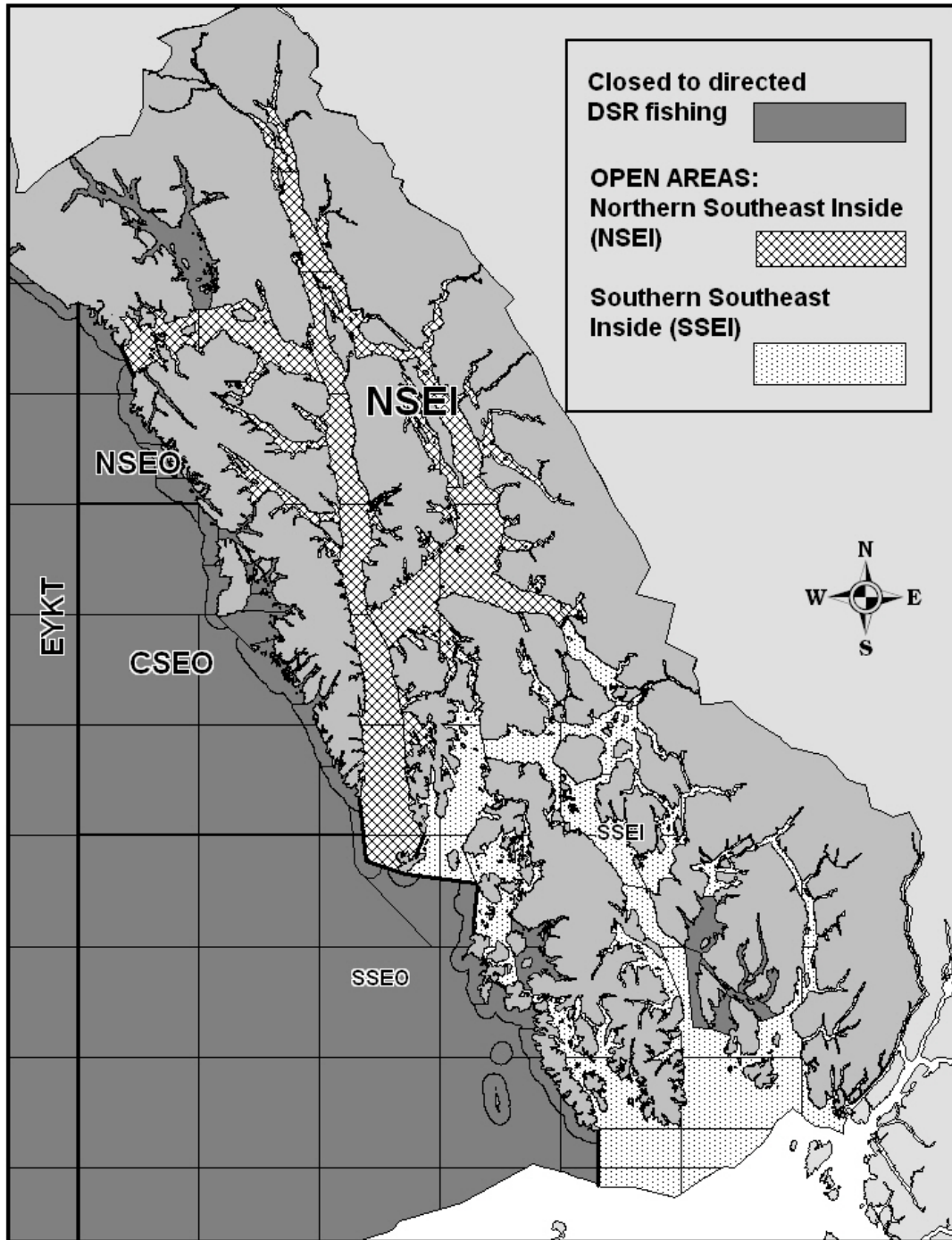
In the Southeast District, DSR rockfish may only be taken by longline, hand troll, dinglebar, and mechanical jig gear. The directed permit for this fishery is the "Y" permit. In the NSEI and SSEI Subdistricts a vessel or CFEC permit holder may not sell more than 6,000 pounds (bled weight) of DSR in any five-day period. When fishing in the NSEI and SSEI Subdistricts, full retention of all rockfish is required, except thornyhead. All rockfish taken in excess of trip or bycatch limits must be landed, weighed and reported on an ADF&G fish ticket. If excess rockfish are sold, all proceeds from the sale of rockfish in excess of legal limits shall be surrendered to the state. The permit holder may retain the excess rockfish for personal use in accordance with 5 AAC 39.010 but the pounds must be documented as overage on the fish ticket.

Catch and effort will be closely monitored and area closures may occur on short notice. Closures will be announced by news release and on the USCG "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service broadcast. Closure updates will also be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882.

### **Bycatch Provisions**

Bycatch provisions for DSR longline and jig permits are listed in the following table. All bycatch is calculated round weight against the round weight of the DSR onboard.

<b>Bycatch Species</b>	<b>Bycatch Allowances</b>
Lingcod	35% in Longline Fishery, Bycatch only, 27" minimum size limit 0% in Jig fishery
Shorthead and Rougheye	7% in aggregate, Bycatch only, Full retention required
Black, Blue, and Dark Rockfish	15% in aggregate, Bycatch only, Full retention required
Thornyhead and Other Rockfish	15% in aggregate, Bycatch only Full retention required for all rockfish, excluding thornyhead
Pacific cod	20%, Open to directed Pacific cod fishing with Misc. Finfish permit (M card) in areas open to directed fishing
Dogfish	35% in Longline fishery, Bycatch only 20% in Jig fishery, Bycatch only
Other Groundfish	20%, Bycatch only



This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105. **Directed fishing for DSR opens in portions of NSEI and SSEI on January 5.**

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