

ROCKFISH PROGRAM ENTRY LEVEL FISHERY - 2009

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Area	Fishery	Effective date	Status	Reason
CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA, HOOK-AND-LINE AND JIG GEAR				
	Pacific ocean perch	1-Jan	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Northern rockfish	1-Jan	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Pelagic shelf rockfish	1-Jan	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA, TRAWL GEAR				
	Pacific ocean perch	1-Jan	Bycatch	Reg
		23-Apr	Bycatch	HAL #09-51
		1-Jul	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Northern rockfish	1-Jan	Bycatch	Reg
		8-May	Bycatch	TAC #09-55
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Pelagic shelf rockfish	1-Jan	Bycatch	Reg
		8-May	Bycatch	TAC #09-55
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg

For information about rockfish status of fisheries in the Western and Eastern GOA, and non-rockfish species in the Central GOA, please refer to Status of Fisheries report for the appropriate gear type.

Gulf of Alaska (GOA) notes:

- (1) Areas around Steller sea lion rookeries and certain walrus sites closed. 679.22
- (2) Trawling in the BSAI and GOA is closed from January 1, until noon on January 20. 679.23
- (3) Use of any gear other than nontrawl gear is prohibited at all times
- (4) Chiniak Gully Research Area (679.22(b)(3)) closure for federally permitted vessels using trawl gear from August 1 through September 20 has been rescinded. See information bulletin #09-05.
- (5) Sitka Pinnacles Marine Reserve. No vessel required to have a Federal fisheries permit may fish for groundfish or anchor in the Sitka Pinnacles Marine Reserve. (679.22(b)(5) and Figure 18).
- (6) Kodiak Island, trawls other than pelagic trawls see closures at 679.22(b)(1).
- (7) Cook Inlet. No person may use a non-pelagic trawl in waters of the EEZ of Cook Inlet

NOTES:

BYCATCH = Directed fishery closed. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) and (f).

HAL = Halibut

ICA = Incidental catch allowance

OPEN = Directed fishery open as noted. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) and (f).

PSC = Species must be treated in the same manner as a prohibited species. Defined at 50 CFR 679.21(b).

Reg = Regulations

Spec = Groundfish Harvest Specifications

TAC = Total allowable catch

For species group definitions, please refer to the footnotes in Table 1 of the harvest specifications at BSAI

http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/specs09_10/bsaitable1.pdf

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