

**ROCKFISH PROGRAM ENTRY LEVEL FISHERY - 2008**

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Area	Fishery	Effective date	Status	Reason
<b>CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA, HOOK-AND-LINE AND JIG GEAR</b>				
	Pacific ocean perch	1-Jan	Open	Reg
	Northern rockfish	1-Jan	Open	Reg
	Pelagic shelf rockfish	1-Jan	Open	Reg
<b>CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA, TRAWL GEAR</b>				
	Pacific ocean perch	1-May	Open	Reg
		27-Jul	Bycatch	TAC #08-80
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
	Northern rockfish	1-May	Bycatch	Reg
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
	Pelagic shelf rockfish	1-May	Bycatch	Reg
		1-Sep	Open	Reg

For information about the 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 by gear type.

**Gulf of Alaska notes:**

- (1) Areas around Steller sea lion rookeries and certain walrus sites closed. 50 CFR 679.22
- (2) Trawl gear 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 in Southeast Outside District, Figure 3. § 679.22(b)(4)
- (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( § 679.22(b)(3)) closure for federally permitted vessels using trawl gear from August 1 through September 20 has been rescinded.
- (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, trawl other than pelagic trawl 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 north of a line from Cape Douglas to Point Adam. § 679.22(b)(7)

**Notes:**

STATUS refers to all gear and reporting areas for each fishery unless otherwise noted.  
 Open = Directed fishery open as noted. Defined at 50 CFR 679.20(e) and (f).  
 Bycatch = Directed fishery closed. 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).  
 Closed = as noted  
 Reg = Regulations  
 Spec = Groundfish Harvest Specifications  
 TAC = Total allowable catch  
 HAL = Halibut  
 RKC= Red King Crab

All openings and closures at noon, Alaska local time, except on January 1 and December 31 unless stated otherwise.