

ROCKFISH PROGRAM ENTRY LEVEL FISHERY - 2008

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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	21-Apr	Bycatch	HAL #08-53
		1-May	Open	Reg
		27-Jul	Bycatch	TAC #08-80
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Northern rockfish	1-May	Bycatch	Reg
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg
	Pelagic shelf rockfish	1-May	Bycatch	Reg
		1-Sep	Open	Reg
		15-Nov	Bycatch	Reg

For information about the status of fisheries in the Western and Eastern GOA, and non-rockfish species in the Central GOA, refer to Status of Fisheries report for the appropriate 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(§ 679.22(b)(3)) closure for federally permitted vessels using trawl gear from August 1 through September 20 has been rescinded.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.

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

http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/specs08_09/GOAtable1.pdf