

NO FISHING

STRAIT OF GEORGIA & HOWE SOUND GLASS SPONGE REEF MARINE REFUGES

British Columbia's glass sponge reefs are globally unique ecosystems that **provide important habitat** for marine life.

Glass sponge reefs are very fragile! To protect and conserve these reefs, **do not fish and avoid anchoring** in closed areas.



- **NO BOTTOM-CONTACT FISHING**
(TRAP, TRAWL & GROUND FISH HOOK-AND-LINE)
- **NO USE OF DOWNRIGGER GEAR**
(IN SOME REEFS)
- **AVOID ANCHORING**
(WHENEVER POSSIBLE)

NORMAL, HEALTHY REEF



Photo: Marine Life Sanctuary Society of BC

DAMAGED REEF



Photo: Jackson Chu/Sally Leys

For more information, visit Canada.ca/glass-sponge-closures to view detailed maps online.



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**IT IS ILLEGAL TO FISH FOR
ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD
IN AREA 28 (HOWE SOUND)
AND PORTIONS OF AREA 29
(STRAIT OF GEORGIA)**

