



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the following information concerning the 2024 commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	May 20–21
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	May 24–25
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	May 18–24
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	May 22–23

Sitka area

Redoubt Bay (113-30)	May 24–25
Sitka Sound (113-41)	May 19–21
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	May 22–24

Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	May 20
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Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday; open fishing periods may be extended by emergency order based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data. Spring troll fishery openings begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. The Western Channel, Goddard, and West Crawfish Inlet spring troll areas will open initially during the week of May 26, and the Mountain Point and Rock Point spring troll areas will open on June 8. The Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15, and the Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 17. **Chinook salmon retention is prohibited in these hatchery chum salmon fisheries. Maps of spring troll and terminal harvest areas (THA)** and additional details on the fishery are available in ADF&G area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon.trollspring>.

It is extremely important to segregate fish harvested in different fishery areas so that department personnel can collect accurate dockside sampling information. If salmon are harvested in multiple areas during a spring troll fishing trip, the vessel operator is **required to keep fish harvested in each spring fishery separated by area.** Similarly, the fish buyer is **required to create a separate fish ticket for each fishery area** that documents the dates fished, number of salmon, fishery name, and salmon statistical area number for each area fished (5 AAC 29.090[k]). Fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G not later than 7 days after the landing.

THA troll openings will occur as follows, unless closed by emergency order. Opening and closing times vary by area, refer to the appropriate THA advisory announcements for fishery details. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in these THAs during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100.

Nakat Inlet THA (101-10)	June 1–November 10
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1–30
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 27–August 1
Kendrick Bay THA (102-15)	June 15–September 30
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1–July 31
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1–November 10
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	June 1–June 30
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	June 17–August 3
Thomas Bay THA (110-12)	June 16–August 3
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1–September 20
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1–September 20
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1–July 30
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 1– September 20

The waters of Bear Cove, within the Sitka Sound spring troll area, **are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear**. The closed waters of the Bear Cove are defined as follows:

Waters east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.63' N lat, 135°09.80' W long, to the north shore at 57°01.07' N lat, 135°09.93' W long.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0524 and 1S0724.

2024 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 5/12 (SW 20)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	18	192	18	192
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	0	0	0	0
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	20	133	20	133
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	14	121	14	121
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	0	0	13	281
Sitka Sound (113-41)	29	380	87	1,169
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	4	19	10	81
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	8	62	19	121
Totals for Region	93	907	181	2,098

*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

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