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ABSTRACT

This document summarizes the plan that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) will follow to manage the 2005 Southeast Alaska spring commercial salmon troll fishery, according to the Board of Fisheries adopted guidelines listed in the State of Alaska Administrative Code under 5 AAC 29.090.

Key words: Salmon, Troll, Spring, Commercial, Management Plan

INTRODUCTION

CHANGES IN THE 2005 SPRING TROLL FISHERIES

The department will open 32 spring troll areas and 5 terminal harvest areas this year. Two new areas will open in district 11, as described below, to target Chinook salmon returning to the Taku River. Shelikof Bay, which was open 2003–2004, is being eliminated this year, due to the low Alaska hatchery contribution and the high number of Treaty fish harvested. Eleven spring troll areas will open April 15 and remain open until further notice. An additional 21 spring troll areas will open sometime in May, according to the schedule on pages 4-5.

DIRECTED CHINOOK SALMON FISHERIES IN DISTRICTS 8 AND 11

An agreement was approved between the United States and Canada during the Pacific Salmon Commission meeting held in February of this year. This agreement allows directed commercial and sport fisheries on Chinook salmon returning to the Taku and Stikine Rivers. As a result of this agreement, troll fisheries will be allowed in Districts 8 and 11* as follows:

* Under all fishing scenarios catches from each of these areas will still be required to be separated and separate fish tickets issued for each area as per provisions of 5 AAC 29.130 FISH TICKETS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING FISHERIES.

District 8

Trolling will be allowed 7 days/week, beginning Sunday, May 1 in the Spring troll fishery areas that were in place in 2004. These areas are Baht Harbor (108-30) Craig Point (108-40) and Chichagof Pass (108-10). Descriptions and maps of these areas are located on pages 18 and 19 of this management plan. Should the actual return of Chinook salmon to the Stikine River be below the level where a directed gillnet fishery can be prosecuted, the troll areas will then be managed, as they have been in past years, based on the composition of Alaska hatchery fish according to provisions of 5 AAC 29.090 MANAGEMENT OF THE SPRING SALMON TROLL FISHERIES.

District 11

Trolling will be allowed in two areas of District 11 (Figure 7) beginning Monday, May 2. Waters of Section 11-A (sub-district 111-40) on the west side of Douglas Island will be open concurrently with the commercial drift gillnet fishery in Section 11-B. Waters of Section 11-B (sub-district 111-31) south of Cove Point will be open trolling five days per week, Monday-Friday. If the directed commercial drift gillnet Chinook salmon fishery is closed because the return is below the level where a directed gillnet fishery can be conducted, trolling will be closed in both areas. The descriptions and maps of these areas are located on page 27 of this management plan.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

SPRING FISHERIES

Non-Alaska hatchery fish (treaty fish) are counted towards the season treaty quota of Chinook salmon under the Pacific Salmon Treaty, but most of the Alaska hatchery fish are not. The spring troll and terminal troll fisheries target Alaska hatchery Chinook salmon, but treaty Chinook salmon are also harvested. The Board of Fisheries has established guideline limits of treaty fish that may be harvested in each spring fishing area as follows:

Alaska Hatchery Contribution To The Harvest	Treaty Fish Limit
less than 33%	1,000
33 to 49%	3,000
50 to 65%	5,000
greater than 65%	no limit

Each year fishery managers from the Department hold meetings in Southeast Alaska towns to discuss fishing plans with trollers, processors, and hatchery operators. A review of the previous fishing season is presented as well as an outlook for the upcoming year. New fishing areas or changes to existing areas may be proposed. These proposed areas are then scrutinized by department biologists for potential impacts on local wild stocks and to determine whether the area is one where a substantial portion of the harvest is likely to be of Alaska hatchery origin. The department also examines whether any newly proposed areas can be sampled adequately within the current funding levels. Once plans are finalized, the department issues a news release with descriptions of fishing areas and a schedule of initial fishing periods.

Each spring fishing area is managed individually. Fishing periods are opened by emergency order, department personnel sample fish deliveries and ship the heads of adipose fin-clipped fish to the state tag lab in Juneau for coded wire tag (CWT) detection and decoding. Fishery openings are announced in a series of weekly news releases.

Fishing time in an area may be extended based on inseason assessment of CWT data and historic harvest timing information. Therefore, it is imperative that fishers and tender operators keep fish from different fishing areas separated until landing so if the fish are sampled at the dock, the percentage of Alaska hatchery fish can be determined for each spring area. Separate fish tickets must also be made for each area fished (5 AAC 29.130).

Eleven spring areas that have had a consistently high percentage of Alaska hatchery fish will be opened until further notice this year. These areas will be monitored, however, and fishing time will be reduced if the Alaska hatchery percent is low or if the harvest approaches the treaty fish limit. These fisheries are Point Sophia, South Passage, Homeshore, Chatham Strait, Frederick Sound, Kingsmill Point, Eastern Channel, Middle Island, Inner Silver Bay, Gravina Island and Mountain Point. Three spring areas in District 8 will open on May 1, until further notice, to target Stikine River returns. These areas are Baht Harbor, Craig Point and Chichagof Pass.

Historically, several spring troll spring areas have not met the 20% Alaska hatchery contribution rate necessary to continue those areas without modification (5 AAC 29.090 (d)(1)(C)) or have had very little effort over the past several years. The department proposes that if the Alaska hatchery contribution does not exceed 20% within three years, an area will not reopen without significant boundary line modification.

Trollers can assist the sampling effort by notifying department personnel when delivering their harvest to points of sale normally not covered by department sampling, such as grocery stores, direct sale by the troller, or to small processors. The department will then attempt to obtain a sample from the harvest. Early season harvests in all areas, and harvests throughout the spring from Lisianski Inlet, Port Althorp, South Passage, Sumner Strait, and Lower Chatham Strait areas are of particular concern in obtaining adequate samples.

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold (5 AAC 29.140 (b)). Permit holders who freeze their harvest onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed.

Terminal Fisheries

Terminal fisheries are conducted in areas near a hatchery or release site. Chinook salmon caught in most terminal areas are considered as 100% Alaska hatchery fish, based on previous sampling. Terminal area fisheries occur at Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, Eastern Passage (Earl West Cove), Neets Bay, and Wrangell Narrows. Earl West Cove is being phased out as a remote release site by SSRAA and is being replaced with Anita Bay. Commercial fisheries to target kings returning to Anita Bay were conducted for the first time in 2004.

The Chinook salmon returns to the Wrangell Narrows Terminal Area are projected to be small and the number of fish available for the troll fishery in the Wrangell Narrows Terminal Area will likely be 900 or less. Under the management plan (5 AAC 33.381), the troll fishery will be managed to harvest 50% of the projected return over 4,000 fish. The department will announce the allowable troll Chinook salmon harvest in this area just prior to the June 1 opening date.

Cross Sound Pink and Chum Fishery

The Cross Sound pink and chum fishery opens for five days per week in June, Monday through Friday, from the second Monday (June 14) through June 30 (5 AAC 29.090 (f)). There is a cap of 500 Chinook salmon for this fishery because it is not intended as a Chinook salmon fishery. Trollers are required to offload fish caught in this fishery prior to fishing in the general opening beginning July 1.

FROZEN AT SEA REQUIREMENTS

Frozen at Sea (FAS) vessels participating in the spring fisheries are subject to the same landing regulations as all other vessels. Fish caught in each spring fishery must be kept separate from any other fish on board the vessel and a separate fish ticket must be issued for fish caught in each spring fishery (5 AAC 29.130). Tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing.

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold (5 AAC 29.140(b)). Permit holders who freeze their fish onboard (FAS vessels) are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. Upon approval by the department, a permit may be granted to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery. This "Exemption Permit" is available in area offices and on the troll website. During past spring fisheries, heads from FAS vessels have occasionally been removed from the fish and submitted to the department. This is not allowed. It is imperative that the department has adequate opportunity to sample all Chinook salmon landed during the spring fisheries. Spring fisheries target Alaskan hatchery fish and if

adequate access to the fish for sampling purposes is not possible, then some fisheries could be closed due to the lack of data necessary to keep them open.

RETENTION OF OTHER SALMON SPECIES

Coho salmon may be retained during open fishing periods beginning June 15. Sockeye, pink, and chum salmon may be retained at any time during open fishing periods.

If an Atlantic salmon is caught, the department would like to be contacted so that biological samples can be taken. The entire fish should be saved and may be frozen, with entrails intact.

2004 SPRING FISHERY SUMMARY

A total of 445 vessels participated in the 2004 spring fisheries, and harvested 56,772 Chinook (Table 1), 228 sockeye, 4,516 coho, 254 pink, and 11,973 chum salmon. The 2004 spring Chinook salmon total harvest and Alaska hatchery harvest were both the highest on record. The largest Chinook salmon harvests were in the Eastern Channel area, Tebenkof Bay, Middle Island, Gravina Island, and Salisbury Sound areas. In the Cross Sound pink and chum spring fishery area 4,200 pink, 4,700 chum, 400 sockeye and 150 Chinook salmon were harvested. A total of 31 spring fisheries and five terminal fisheries were open during 2004.

2005 SPRING TROLL FISHERY—INITIAL OPENINGS

SPRING FISHERIES

Following is a preliminary schedule for anticipated initial opening weeks for each area (for area descriptions and maps see Figures 1–5). Fishing periods will be opened by emergency order, with some areas open for two-days per week and other areas open for longer periods, based on inseason and historical timing of hatchery contributions in each area. Trollers should consult department news releases for weekly fishing periods and inseason adjustments. News releases will be issued each Friday with the fishing schedule for the following week. News releases may also be issued throughout the week when extensions or early closures are announced. News releases can be found on the department's web site at <http://documents.cfl.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>

Schedule of Initial Troll Openings:

Open April 15 until further notice:

Gravina Island	Eastern Channel
Mountain Point	Inner Silver Bay
Neets Bay THA	Middle Island
Kingsmill Point	Homeshore
Frederick Sound	Point Sophia
Chatham Strait	South Passage
Hidden Falls THA	

Open April 18-22:

West Clarence Strait

Open May 1 until further notice:

Chichagof Pass
Baht Harbor
Craig Point

Note: The length of the following openings will be announced in future news releases.

Schedule of Initial Troll Openings (Continued):

Open Week of May 2:

West Behm Canal	Little Port Walter
Sumner Strait	Tebenkof Bay
Steamer Point	Section 11-A
Ernest Sound	Section 11-B
Deer Island	Stag Bay
Zimovia Strait	

Open week of May 9:

Lisianski Inlet
Port Althorp

Open Week of May 16:

Salisbury Sound

Open Week of May 23:

Western Channel
Biorka Island

TERMINAL TROLL FISHERIES

- **Hidden Falls:** opens on April 15 and will remain open until closed by emergency order. (5 AAC 33.374(b)).
- **Neets Bay:** opens on April 15 and will remain open until closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.370(b)(1)).
- **Wrangell Narrows:** opens June 1 by emergency order and will be closed by emergency order when the Chinook salmon guideline harvest has been taken (5 AAC 33.381(b)(4)).
- **Anita Bay:** opens June 1 by regulation with some area closures within the THA beginning June 15 (5 AAC 33.383(b)).
- **Earl West Cove:** opens June 15 by emergency order and remains open until closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.373 (b)).
- **Deep Inlet:** opens May 1 according to a rotational schedule. The THA is open to trolling on May 5, 11, 19, 25 and June 2, 8, 16, 22, 29, 30. Deep Inlet fishing schedules are subject to change by E.O.

Terminal Harvest Areas may be managed for the harvest of multiple species by different gear types. Refer to management plans in regulation as listed after each THA.

CLOSED WATERS

Trollers are reminded that closed waters that apply during the summer fishery are exempted during the spring fishery. (5 AAC 29.150(a)(2)). Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island (Annette Island Reserve) are closed.

SPORT FISHING FROM A COMMERCIALY LICENSED TROLL VESSEL

1. Sport fishing is allowed from a registered commercial salmon troll vessel (5 AAC 47.041 (a)).
2. If sport fishing in waters closed to commercial trolling, the dorsal fin must be removed immediately from any salmon brought onboard the vessel (5 AAC 47.041(c)).
3. Sport fishing from a commercially licensed vessel, while commercially caught salmon are in possession, is illegal in waters closed to commercial salmon fishing (5 AAC 47.041(d)).
4. A vessel registered for commercial trolling may also be registered as a sport charter vessel, though a vessel may not be used for both activities on the same day (5 AAC 75.995 (8)).
5. A troll gurdy may NOT be used in conjunction with a fishing rod while fishing commercially but may be legally used as a downrigger to sport fish from a hand or power troll vessel (5 AAC 29.120 (e)).

These regulations can be found in the 2005 Sport Fishing regulation booklet.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL TROLL BYCATCH OF GROUND FISH AND HALIBUT

For a complete guide to the Southeast Alaska Groundfish regulations, refer to the 2004–2005 Groundfish Fishery Commercial Fishery Regulations books available at all Southeast ADF&G area offices.

1. Commercial halibut may be legally retained only by trollers holding individual fishing quota shares (IFQs) during the open season for halibut, February 27–November 15 (50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 679.4 (d) and 5 AAC 28.133 (c)). Trollers holding unfilled IFQs are required to retain any halibut taken incidentally while trolling (50 CFR 679.7 (f)(11)). If trollers have no more than 500 pounds of halibut onboard and if landed concurrently with a legal landing of salmon, they can offload their catch without having to give a 6-hour notice to the National Marine Fisheries Service (50 CFR 679.5 (l)(1)(iv)). Trollers fishing for salmon in Sitka Sound must retain halibut bycatch if they hold IFQs (50 CFR 300.63). Halibut taken incidentally while trolling for salmon should be reported on the same troll ticket with the salmon harvest.
2. Lingcod greater than 27 inches (tip of snout to tip of tail) may be taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery from May 16 through November 30 (5 AAC 28.113 (c)) in areas in which the troll bycatch allowance has not been harvested. Troll bycatch limits have been established for the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) and the East Yakutat management areas. In these areas, trollers may retain lingcod (round weight) up to 5% of the round weight of salmon harvested. When the troll lingcod quota is reached for each management area, trollers will be required to release all lingcod back into the water. There are no troll bycatch limits in the other management areas, so trollers may retain unlimited amounts of lingcod over 27 inches in length until the troll allocation is reached in each area (5 AAC 28.133(a)). Inseason closures may occur on short notice and will be announced by news release. Lingcod must be delivered with the external gender indicators intact and head-on until further notice (5 AAC 28.173(g)).

3. Trollers are requested to retain **tagged lingcod** of any size and to notify the nearest Fish and Game office at the time of delivery so the fish may be sampled. **Tags must be left on any tagged lingcod caught out of season or in a closed area as well as on undersized lingcod. Fish should be landed in the round.** The date, exact location, and depth should be recorded. A reward will be given to those who turn in tagged lingcod with the necessary catch information. Undersized lingcod that are tagged may be retained as long as the tag is not removed from the fish. (in Sitka, contact Mike Vaughn, 304 Lake Street, Room 103; phone: 907-747-6688).
4. Trollers are reminded that the waters of Sitka Sound are closed permanently to the taking of lingcod (5 AAC 28.150 (a) (Figure 3). This closed area includes the Middle Island, Western Channel, Eastern Channel and Inner Silver Bay spring troll areas. Troll bycatch of lingcod will be allowed, as of May 16, in a portion of the Biorka Island and Salisbury Sound spring troll areas when those areas are open to trolling. Trollers who have lingcod onboard may not fish in areas closed to lingcod retention.
5. Full retention of Demersal Shelf Rockfish (DSR) is required in all state waters. All CFEC permit holders must retain, weigh, and report all DSR taken. All DSR in excess of 10% round weight, of all salmon species on board the vessel must be weighed and reported as bycatch overage on an ADF&G fish ticket. All proceeds from the sale of excess DSR bycatch shall be surrendered to the state (5 AAC 28.171 (a)). The seven species of rockfish in the DSR assemblage are yelloweye, quillback, canary, rosethorn, copper, china, and tiger rockfish. Retention of other rockfish species is allowed but is no longer required. Bycatch overages must be reported on fish tickets but may be kept for personal use.
6. Trollers are allowed to longline for groundfish and troll for salmon on the same trip as long as salmon are not onboard the vessel in an area closed to trolling and the fisher has both a commercial salmon permit and a commercial longline permit. Longliners are reminded to submit a logbook with their fish ticket.

RULES PERTAINING TO SWITCHING BETWEEN COMMERCIAL TROLL GEAR AND MECHANICAL JIG/DINGLEBAR GEAR

Trollers must stop fishing for groundfish/halibut with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear three days (72 hours) prior to a salmon troll opening if they plan on participating in that salmon troll fishery. Trollers must also wait 24 hours after a salmon troll closure before fishing for groundfish with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear (5 AAC 29.120 (h)). Once a salmon troll opening is in progress, these waiting periods are not necessary. Salmon must be offloaded prior to fishing with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear (5 AAC 28.133(b)). A vessel used to fish for groundfish with **dinglebar gear** must display the letter **D**. A vessel used to fish for groundfish with **mechanical jig gear** must display the letter **M** (5 AAC 28.135). A vessel used to fish for salmon cannot have the letter M or D displayed.

Table 1.—The number of Chinook salmon harvested and permits fished in the 2004 spring and terminal troll fisheries. Harvests are omitted from weeks where less than three permits made landings, therefore totals may not reflect the sum of weekly values.

Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
101-29	Gravina Island	17	22 Apr	24 Apr			
		18	25 Apr	1 May			
		19	2 May	8 May	*	*	0%
		20	9 May	15 May	5	91	100%
		21	16 May	22 May	7	171	27%
		22	23 May	29 May	9	250	24%
		23	30-May	5 Jun	23	924	51%
		24	6 Jun	12-Jun	21	1,106	53%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	26	1,244	40%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	24	1,082	54%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	11	715	72%
Total					44	5,584	51%
101-45	Mountain Point	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May			
		19	2-May	8-May	*	*	0%
		20	9-May	15-May			
		21	16-May	22-May	4	24	100%
		22	23-May	29-May	4	35	74%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	4	102	0%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	8	160	100%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	15	736	27%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	11	411	64%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	3	106	100%
Total					20	1,579	67%
101-90	West Behm Canal	19	3-May	6-May			
		20	10-May	13-May			
		21	17-May	20-May			
		22	24-May	27-May			
		23	31-May	3-Jun	*	*	30%
		24	7-Jun	11-Jun	*	*	71%
		25	14-Jun	18-Jun			
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun	*	*	77%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					3	158	26%
101-95	Neets Bay Term. Area	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May			
		19	2-May	8-May			
		20	9-May	15-May			
		21	16-May	22-May			
		22	23-May	29-May			
		23	30-May	5-Jun			
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun			
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun			
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun			
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun			
Total					0	-	
102-50	West Clarence Strait	19	3-May	6-May			
		20	10-May	13-May	3	38	0%
		21	17-May	20-May	*	*	100%
		22	24-May	29-May	4	126	21%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
102-50	West Clarence Strait(continued)	23	30-May	5-Jun	7	117	43%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	4	118	87%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	*	*	138%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	*	*	31%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	10%
Total					13	645	63%
105-41	Sumner Strait	19	3-May	4-May	3	66	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	4	59	32%
		21	17-May	18-May	5	30	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	10	329	9%
		23	31-May	3-Jun	11	287	10%
		24	7-Jun	9-Jun	5	110	49%
		25	14-Jun	15-Jun	*	*	0%
		26	21-Jun	22-Jun	*	*	0%
		27	28-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					15	971	14%
106-30	Steamer Point	19	3-May	4-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	*	*	0%
		21	17-May	19-May	3	26	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	3	48	25%
		23	31-May	3-Jun	4	58	38%
		24	7-Jun	10-Jun	5	115	56%
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun	6	95	74%
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun	6	62	0%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					14	504	33%
106-44	Wrangell Narrows Term. Area	23	1-Jun	2-Jun	4	24	
		24	7-Jun	10-Jun	15	105	
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun	10	134	
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	closed		for kings
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	closed		for kings
Total					17	263	100%
107-10	Ernest Sound	19	3-May	5-May			
		20	10-May	12-May	*	*	0%
		21	17-May	20-May			
		22	24-May	27-May			
		23	31-May	3-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	7-Jun	10-Jun	*	*	46%
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun	*	*	0%
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun	*	*	0%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun					
Total					3	96	19%
107-20	Deer Island	19	3-May	5-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	12-May			
		21	17-May	20-May			
		22	24-May	27-May	*	*	0%
		23	31-May	3-Jun			
		24	7-Jun	10-Jun			
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun			
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun	*	*	0%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun					
Total					4	48	0%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
107-30	Zimovia Strait	19	3-May	4-May			
		20	10-May	11-May	3	27	24%
		21	17-May	19-May	*	*	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	3	72	0%
		23	31-May	3-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	7-Jun	10-Jun			
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun			
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun			
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun			
Total					4	110	6%
107-35	Anita Bay Term. Area	23	1-Jun	5-Jun			
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun			
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun			
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun			
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun			
Total					0	-	
107-45	Earl West Cove Term. Area	25	15-Jun	19-Jun	*	*	0%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun			
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun			
Total					*	*	100%
108-10	Chichagof Pass	19	3-May	4-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	*	*	0%
		21	17-May	18-May	*	*	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	5	65	66%
		23	31-May	5-Jun	8	108	32%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	12	308	44%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	15	372	38%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	5	68	34%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					25	969	39%
108-30	Baht Harbor	19	3-May	4-May	6	16	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	10	38	25%
		21	17-May	18-May	12	52	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	15	236	6%
		23	1-Jun	5-Jun	19	145	0%
		24	7-Jun	12-Jun	9	77	0%
		25	14-Jun	19-Jun	6	18	0%
		26	21-Jun	26-Jun	3	16	0%
		27	28-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					27	600	4%
108-40	Craig Point	19	3-May	4-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	*	*	0%
		21	17-May	18-May	*	*	0%
		22	24-May	27-May	*	*	0%
		23	31-May	3-Jun	8	157	8%
		24	7-Jun	9-Jun	*	*	0%
		25	14-Jun	16-Jun	3	69	0%
		26	21-Jun	22-Jun	*	*	0%
		27	28-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%
Total					15	343	3%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
109-10	Little Port Walter	19	5-May	7-May			
		20	12-May	14-May			
		21	19-May	21-May			
		22	26-May	28-May	*	*	0%
		23	1-Jun	4-Jun			
		24	8-Jun	11-Jun	*	*	0%
		25	15-Jun	18-Jun			
		26	22-Jun	25-Jun	*	*	0%
Total		27	28-Jun	30-Jun			
Total					*	*	0%
109-51	Kingsmill Point	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May	11	176	43%
		19	2-May	8-May	7	153	3%
		20	9-May	15-May	6	88	9%
		21	16-May	22-May	*	*	36%
		22	23-May	29-May	6	125	34%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	5	70	0%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	12	365	68%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	11	327	1%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	15	693	55%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	0%		
Total				46	2,020	38%	
109-62	Tebenkof Bay	19	3-May	5-May	17	615	14%
		20	10-May	12-May	18	531	32%
		21	17-May	18-May	16	271	58%
		22	24-May	24-May			
		23	31-May	2-Jun	13	595	44%
		24	7-Jun	9-Jun	15	709	35%
		25	14-Jun	19-Jun	20	1,060	40%
		26	20-Jun	24-Jun	20	1,929	27%
Total				57	5,710	33%	
110-31	Frederick Sound	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May	*	*	46%
		19	2-May	8-May	*	*	0%
		20	9-May	15-May	*	*	0%
		21	16-May	22-May	*	*	15%
		22	23-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	9	111	7%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	5	46	28%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	7	103	17%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	*	*	0%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	100%		
Total				18	413	14%	
112-12	Chatham Strait	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May			
		19	2-May	8-May			
		20	9-May	15-May	*	*	0%
		21	16-May	22-May	4	44	41%
		22	23-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	8	242	73%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	6	251	38%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	10	572	63%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	7	168	34%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun					
Total				20	1,315	54%	

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
112-22	Hidden Falls Term. Area	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May			
		19	2-May	8-May			
		20	9-May	15-May			
		21	16-May	22-May			
		22	23-May	29-May	*	*	
		23	30-May	5-Jun	6	293	
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	5	189	
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	5	242	
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	6	522	
27	27-Jun	30-Jun					
Total					14	1,294	100%
113-01	Western Channel	20	12-May	14-May	17	247	24%
		21	19-May	21-May	22	229	0%
		22	26-May	28-May	46	1,216	19%
Total					60	1,692	17%
113-31	Biorka Island	21	17-May	18-May	34	812	11%
		25	14-Jun	14-Jun	29	1,335	7%
Total					56	2,147	8%
113-35	Eastern Channel	17	22-Apr	24-Apr	*	*	0%
		18	25-Apr	1-May	5	14	0%
		19	2-May	8-May	11	30	0%
		20	9-May	15-May	4	29	52%
		21	16-May	22-May	12	89	0%
		22	23-May	29-May	35	331	28%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	45	891	65%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	72	2,325	57%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	84	3,577	58%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	62	2,084	40%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun	37	880	29%		
Total					151	10,253	50%
113-37	Inner Silver Bay	17	22-Apr	24-Apr			
		18	25-Apr	1-May			
		19	2-May	8-May	*	*	0%
		20	9-May	15-May	*	*	0%
		21	16-May	22-May	*	*	0%
		22	23-May	29-May	6	48	100%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	11	180	88%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	13	529	47%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	9	311	55%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun	3	72	0%		
Total					26	1,164	54%
113-41	Middle Island	17	22-Apr	24-Apr	5	43	0%
		18	25-Apr	1-May	19	125	54%
		19	2-May	8-May	12	52	0%
		20	9-May	15-May	22	343	24%
		21	16-May	22-May	25	460	14%
		22	23-May	29-May	54	996	22%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	26	433	75%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	35	903	54%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	33	856	36%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	27	962	33%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun	25	422	68%		
Total					106	5,596	39%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
113-45	Shelikof Bay	21	17-May	17-May	25	969	10%
		25	14-Jun	14-Jun	30	1,674	15%
Total					45	2,643	13%
113-62	Salisbury Sound	19	3-May	5-May	5	16	0%
		20	10-May	12-May	4	18	0%
		21	17-May	19-May	4	82	0%
		22	24-May	26-May	12	230	2%
		23	1-Jun	3-Jun	26	561	46%
		24	7-Jun	9-Jun	16	419	27%
		25	14-Jun	17-Jun	26	1,666	19%
		26	21-Jun	24-Jun	30	1,310	10%
Total					65	4,302	19%
113-95	Lisianski Inlet	19	3-May	4-May	13	308	10%
		20	10-May	11-May	19	342	6%
		21	17-May	18-May	17	333	26%
		22	24-May	24-May	8	91	0%
		23	31-May	31-May	7	138	21%
		24	7-Jun	7-Jun	5	73	24%
		25	14-Jun	14-Jun	7	271	0%
		26	21-Jun	21-Jun	5	85	0%
Total					31	1,641	11%
113-97	Stag Bay	19	3-May	6-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	13-May	4	30	100%
		21	17-May	20-May	4	85	13%
		22	24-May	28-May	3	22	0%
		23	31-May	4-Jun			
		24	7-Jun	11-Jun	4	129	0%
		25	14-Jun	18-Jun	3	95	0%
		26	21-Jun	25-Jun	*	*	0%
27	25-Jun	30-Jun					
Total					8	385	63%
114-21	Cross Sound Pink and Chum	25	14-Jun	18-Jun			
		26	21-Jun	25-Jun			
		27	28-Jun	30-Jun	4	21	93%
Total					4	21	93%
114-23	South Passage	19	3-May	6-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	13-May	4	63	100%
		21	17-May	20-May	*	*	0%
		22	24-May	29-May	*	*	56%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	*	*	43%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	*	*	0%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	4	78	0%
27	27-Jun	30-Jun					
Total					12	296	57%
114-25	Homeshore	17	22-Apr	24-Apr	*	*	0%
		18	25-Apr	1-May	6	38	100%
		19	2-May	8-May	4	16	0%
		20	9-May	15-May	6	44	35%
		21	16-May	22-May	7	56	35%
		22	23-May	29-May	5	90	0%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	21	351	29%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
	Homeshore (continued)	24	6-Jun	12-Jun	10	209	23%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	19	553	31%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	4	34	0%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	100%
Total					41	1,396	31%
114-27	Point Sophia	17	22-Apr	24-Apr	*	*	0%
		18	25-Apr	1-May	4	19	0%
		19	2-May	8-May	5	25	100%
		20	9-May	15-May	5	18	0%
		21	16-May	22-May	8	58	57%
		22	23-May	29-May	10	57	75%
		23	30-May	5-Jun	7	68	0%
		24	6-Jun	12-Jun	10	163	57%
		25	13-Jun	19-Jun	7	155	0%
		26	20-Jun	26-Jun	11	180	33%
		27	27-Jun	30-Jun	5	37	100%
Total					32	784	42%
114-50	Port Althorp	19	3-May	4-May	11	153	20%
		20	10-May	11-May	9	147	18%
		21	17-May	18-May	9	167	1%
		22	24-May	25-May	15	335	6%
		23	31-May	1-Jun	9	245	32%
		24	7-Jun	9-Jun	9	190	19%
		25	14-Jun	15-Jun	11	357	22%
		26	21-Jun	22-Jun	13	159	12%
Total					37	1,753	17%
Spring Fishery Area Subtotal					442	55,169	36%
Spring Terminal Area Subtotal					34	1,603	100%
Total Spring Troll					445	56,772	38%

*Confidential data. Totals given may or may not include individual weeks confidential data.

(-) Indicates that harvest was not sampled for coded-wire tags.

2005 ALASKA HATCHERY CHINOOK RETURN FORECAST

Hatchery facility managers are predicting total returns of approximately 163,100 Chinook salmon for 2005, as compared to estimated 2004 returns of 167,900 fish. The largest returns for 2005 are expected to Medvejie Creek, Hidden Falls, Whitman Lake and Neets Bay.

Table 2.—Projected and actual 2004 and projected 2005 hatchery Chinook salmon and Neck Lake coho salmon returns.

Release Site	2004 Total Return Projection	2004 Total Return	2005 Total Return Projection
Ketchikan Area			
Whitman Lake	17,000	24,060	15,600
Neets Bay	14,000	14,300	14,300
Deer Mountain	1,136	1,072	1,063
Tamgas Creek	13,000	8,857	11,500
Total	45,136	48,289	41,663
Chatham Strait			
Little Port Walter	2,000	3,163	900
Hidden Falls	26,000	29,040	32,500
Total	28,000	32,203	33,400
Juneau Area			
Macaulay Hatchery	7,650	6,094	6,100
Auke Creek	1,650	1,848	1,600
Fish Creek	2,900	2,492	2,100
Total	12,200	10,434	9,800
Wrangell/Petersburg			
Anita Bay	6,000	4,490	7,000
Crystal Lake	6,500	7,200	8,800
Total	12,500	11,700	15,800
Sitka Area			
Medvejie Creek	37,000	65,260	62,400
Southeast Alaska Chinook Hatchery Totals			
	134,800	167,900	163,100
Neck Lake (Coho)	120,000	65,129	120,000

2005 SPRING FISHING AREAS AND MAPS

Maps show approximate fishing area boundaries. Refer to area descriptions for a legal description of area boundaries. Refer to the regulation book for descriptions of district and section boundaries (5 AAC 33.200).

Ketchikan Areas (Figure 1).

Gravina Island Shore (Fishery Area 101-29): In Section 1F, waters of Tongass Narrows north of the latitude of Rosa Reef light and south of a line from Point Higgins (55°27.47' N. lat., 131°50' W. long.) to the southernmost point on the peninsula at the eastern entrance to Bond Bay (55°31.5' N. lat.); in waters of Clarence Strait north of 54°55' N. latitude (south of Point White) and west of a line from Point White (54°44.75' N. lat., 131°40.50' W. long.) to Survey Point (55°00.75' N. lat., 131°29.25' W. long.); in waters of Nichols Passage south of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat.). Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island (Annette Island Reserve) are closed.

Western Clarence Strait (Fishery Area 102-50) New northern line: In District 2, waters of Clarence Strait south of a line from the easternmost tip of Narrow Point to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Point (district 2 boundary) and north of 54°54.27' N. latitude (the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay).

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45): In Section 1F, waters of Nichols Passage north of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat.) and south of a line from Gravina Point (55°17.25' N. lat., 131°34.75' W. long.) to a point on Revillagigedo Island at 55°18.75' N. latitude, 131°35.25' W. longitude; in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23' N. latitude; and north of a line from 55°13.60' N. latitude, 131°17.30' W. longitude (approximately 1-mile south of Cone Point) to Harbor Point (55°13' N. lat., 131°25' W. long.). Waters of Carroll Inlet and Thorne Arm are open. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island (Annette Island Reserve) are closed.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): In Neets Bay, east of a longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the closed waters area at the head of the bay. From the second Sunday in June (June 9) through June 29, the area will be expanded to waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay (5 AAC 33.370(b)(5)).

West Behm Canal (Fishery area 101-90): **New lines.** In waters of W. Behm Canal within one nautical mile of the western shore of Revillagigedo Island south of the latitude of Brow Point, 55°50.13' N. latitude and north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Grant Island including all waters of Naha and Mosher Bays and waters of Neets Bay west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island until June 8. As of June 9, waters east of the longitude of Chin Point will be managed as part of the Neets Bay terminal area and harvest from this area should be reported as Neets Bay Terminal Area (101-95).

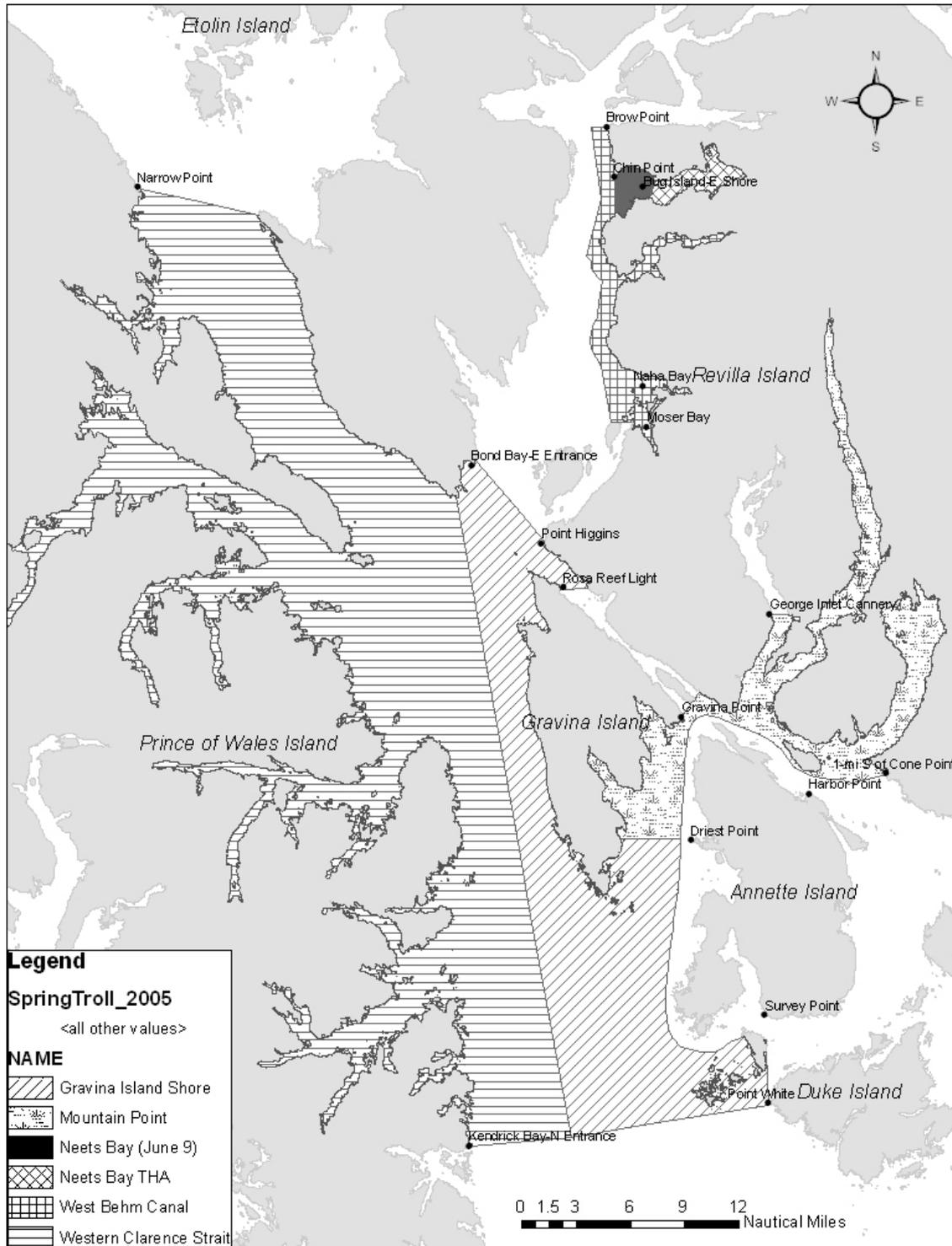


Figure 1.—Ketchikan area spring trolling areas, 2005.

Wrangell and Prince of Wales Areas (Figure 2).

Baht Harbor (Fishery area 108-30): In Sumner Strait, waters of Section 8B east of a line (the District 8 western boundary) from Point Alexander (56°30.58' N. lat., 132°56.92' W. long.) to Low Point (56°27' N. lat., 132°57' W. long.) and west of a line from the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the light at Craig Point.

Earl West Cove Terminal Harvest Area (Eastern Passage; Fishery area 107-45): Those waters of Eastern Passage south of 56°24.83' N. latitude. and west of 132°06.60' W. longitude, including waters of Madan Bay.

Sumner Strait (Fishery area 105-41): In District 106, the waters of Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Colpoys (56°20' N. lat., 133°12' W. long.) to Mitchell Point (56°27' N. lat., 133°12' W. long) and in District 105, the waters of Sumner Strait north of a line from Point St. Albans (56°05' N. lat., 133°59.5' W. long.) to Ruins Point (56°04' N. lat., 133°42' W. long.).

Steamer Point (Fishery area 106-30) New lines: In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6C and 6D north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt (56°14.00' N. lat., 132°52.00' W. long.) to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington (56°10.17' N. lat., 132°43.5' W. long.).

Wrangell Narrows Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 106-44): The waters of Section 6A south of 56°46' N. latitude (Martinsen's Dock), west of a line between Blind Point (56°39' N. lat., 132°54.83' W. long.) and Anchor Point (56°38.25' N. lat., 132°55.58' W. long.) and north of the latitude and east of the longitude of the northern tip of Woewodski Island.

Ernest Sound (Fishery Area 107-10): The waters of Ernest Sound in Section 7B east of a line from Lemesurier Point to Ernest Point to the southernmost point of Etolin Island and south of the latitude of Eaton Point at 55°56.30' N. latitude.

Deer Island (Fishery Area 107-20): The waters of Ernest Sound in Section 7A north of the latitude of Eaton Point at 55°56.30' N. latitude, and east of 132°07' W. longitude, west of 131°56' W. longitude and south of the southernmost tip of Wrangell Island.

Zimovia Strait (Fishery Area 107-30): The waters of Section 7A north of the southernmost tip of Wrangell Island.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): The waters of Anita Bay west of a line between 56°12.34' N. latitude, 132°27.10 W. longitude and 56°11.30' N. latitude, and 132°26.22' W. latitude

Chichagof Pass (Fishery Area 108-10): The waters of Chichagof Pass and Zimovia in Section 8B south of 56°24.5' N. latitude, and east of a line from Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. latitude, 132°32' W. longitude

Craig Point (Fishery Area 108-40) New lines: The waters of Section 8B in Sumner and Stikine Strait south and east of a line from Craig Point Light to the northernmost point on Vank Island to Neal Point Light to Wedge Point to Reef Point and west of a line from Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. lat., 132°32' W. long.

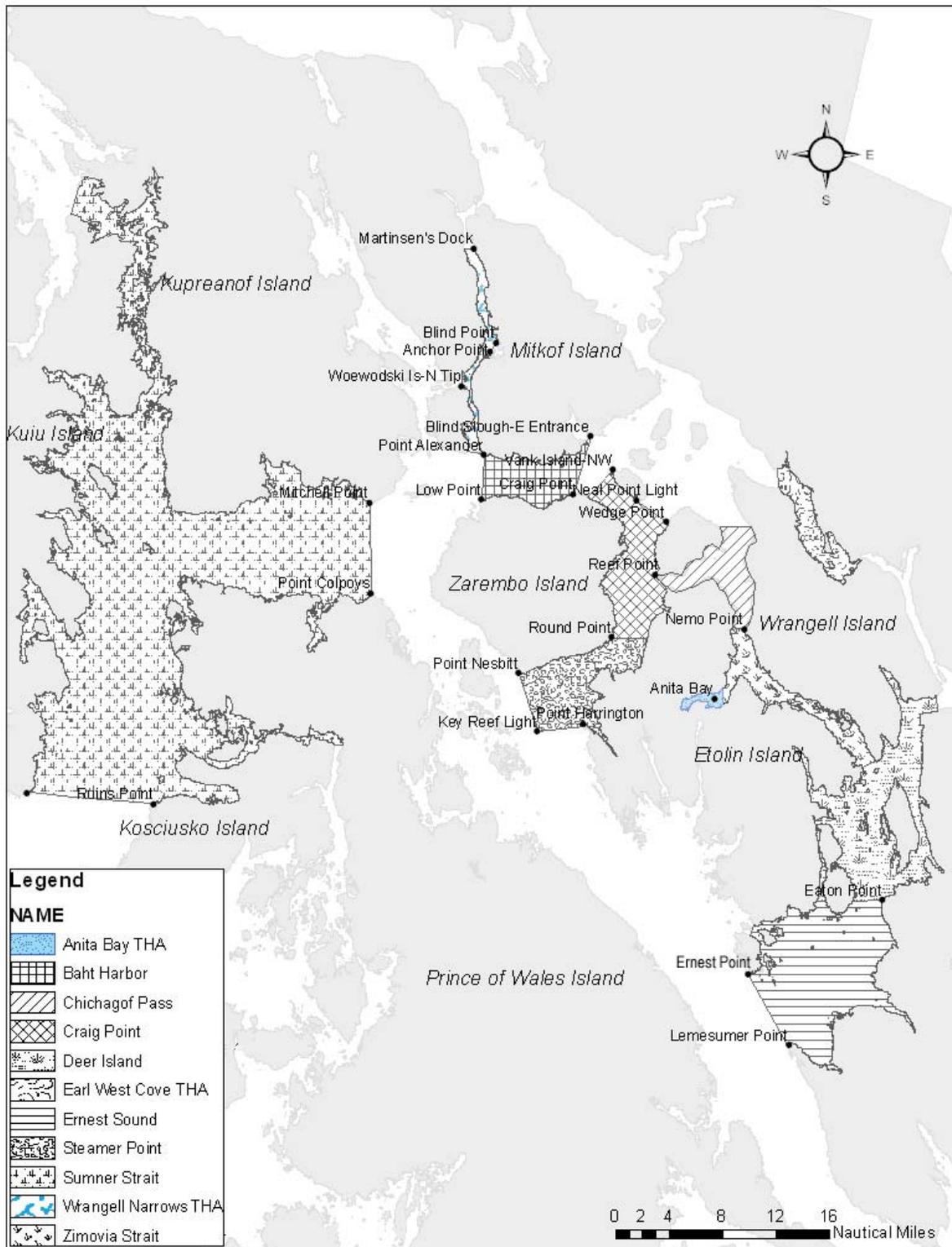


Figure 2.—Wrangell and Prince of Wales spring trolling areas, 2005.

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas (Figure 3).

Chatham Strait (Fishery area 112-12): The waters of District 12 south of the latitude of Point Hepburn, including the waters of Freshwater Bay, Tenakee Inlet, and Kelp Bay, and excluding the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Area (112-22), and the waters of District 13 north of Pogibishi Point, including Peril Strait and Hoonah Sound.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12A within two nautical miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point (57°20' N. lat.) and north of 57°06.83' N. latitude (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)).

Frederick Sound (Fishery area 110-31): In Frederick Sound, those waters north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Point Macartney to 57°06' N. latitude, 134°03.35' W. longitude; south and east of a line from 57°06' N. latitude, 134°03.35' W. longitude to McDonald Rock buoy; south of the line from McDonald Rock buoy to the point of land on the mainland east of Entrance Island at 57°25.32' N. latitude, 133°25.63' W. longitude; and north and west of a line from Boulder Point (57°00.83' N. lat., 133°18.92' W. long.) to Point Highland (57°09' N. lat., 133°27.75' W. long.). Waters of Port Houghton east of 133°11' W. longitude are closed to protect the run of wild Chinook salmon at the head of Port Houghton.

NOTE: Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area will be extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long.) to Beacon Point (56°56.25' N. lat., 132°59.50' W. long.), excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point (57°06.50' N. lat., 133°19' W. long.) to Grand Point (57°05' N. lat., 133°11' W. long.), and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat., 133°00' W. long.) to Wood Point.(5 AAC 33.381(d)).

Kingsmill Point (Fishery area 109-51): The waters of District 9 north of Point Ellis including Keku Strait and Port Camden.

Little Port Walter (Fishery area 109-10): In Chatham Strait, only in those waters of Section 9-A south of the latitude of Patterson Point (56°32.50' N. lat., 134°38.33' W. long.) and north of 56°15.83' N. latitude (located immediately south of Graveyard Cove), including all waters of Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, Port Herbert, Port Walter, Port Lucy, and Port Conclusion.

Tebenkof Bay (fishery area 109-62): in waters of Tebenkof Bay in Section 9B south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33'40" N. lat.), north of the latitude of Point Harris (56°17'30" N. lat., 134°17'45" W. long.), and east of 134°24'00" W. longitude (These boundaries are the same as they were in 2001).

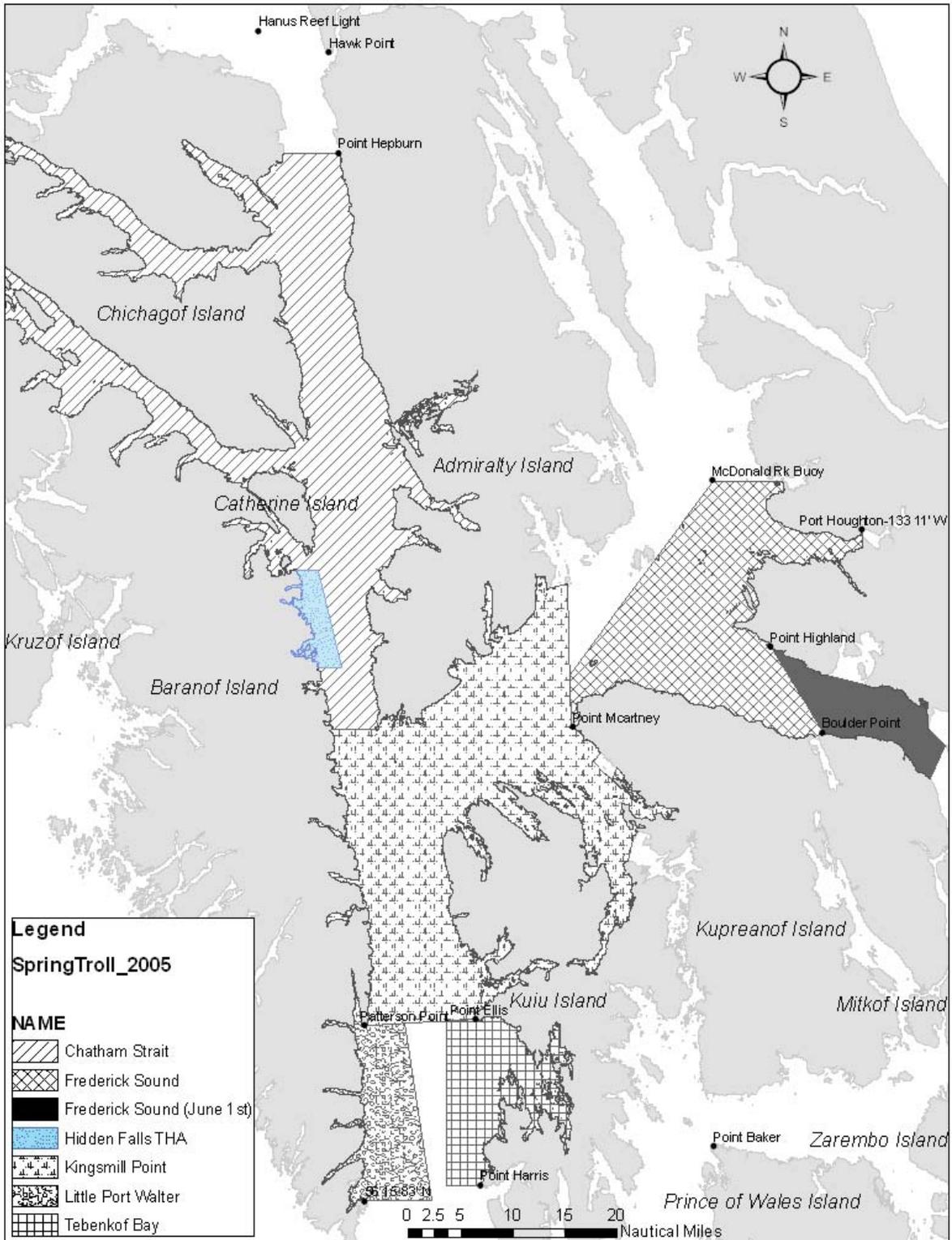


Figure 3.—Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound spring trolling areas, 2005.

North Chatham Strait and Icy Strait Areas (see Figure 4).

Cross Sound Pink and Chum (Fishery area 114-21): In the waters of Section 14A west of the longitude of Point Dundas (136°16.75' W. long.), south of the latitude of Point Dundas (58°19' N. lat.), and east of the longitude of the southern tip of Taylor Island (136°29.01' W. long.) to 58°10' N. latitude, then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25): In waters of District 114 only in the waters of Icy Strait, east of the longitude of Noon Pt. (135°32.2' W. long.) west of 135°09.6' W. longitude and north of a line from Hanus Reef Light to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.90' N. latitude, 135°15.58' W. longitude to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Point Adolphus (Point Sophia area northern boundary).

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95) new lines: In Section 13A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a line from **Soapstone Point (58°06.21' N. lat., 136°29.58' W. long.)**, to Column Point (58°07.42' N. lat., 136°26.83' W. long.), and east of the longitude of the navigational marker at Rock Point at approximately 58°00.17' N. latitude, 136°21.15' W. longitude

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50) new lines: In waters of Section 14A bounded by a line from Column Point to **Soapstone Point (58°06.21' N. lat., 136°29.58' W. long.)**, then from Soapstone Point to the longitude of the southern tip of Taylor Island at 58°10' N. latitude then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Point Sophia (Fishery area 114-27): In Sections 14B, 14C, and 12A, in waters of Icy Strait and Chatham Strait bounded by a line from Point Adolphus (58°17.25' N. lat., 135°47' W. long.) to a point one-mile due north of Point Adolphus to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.90' N. latitude, 135°15.58' W. longitude to Hanus Reef Light to the southernmost tip of Hawk Point (at the entrance to Hawk Inlet), and north of the latitude of Point Hepburn (58°56.42' N. lat.), including waters of Port Frederick and Hawk Inlet.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line from the prominent point on northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. latitude, 136°16.75' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to a point one-mile due north of Point Adolphus to Point Adolphus at 58°17.25' N. latitude, 135°47' W. longitude

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97) new lines: In waters of Lisianski Strait north of a line from Point Theodore through Point Urey and south and west of the navigational marker at Rock Point at approximately 136°21.15' W. longitude, including the waters of Stag Bay.

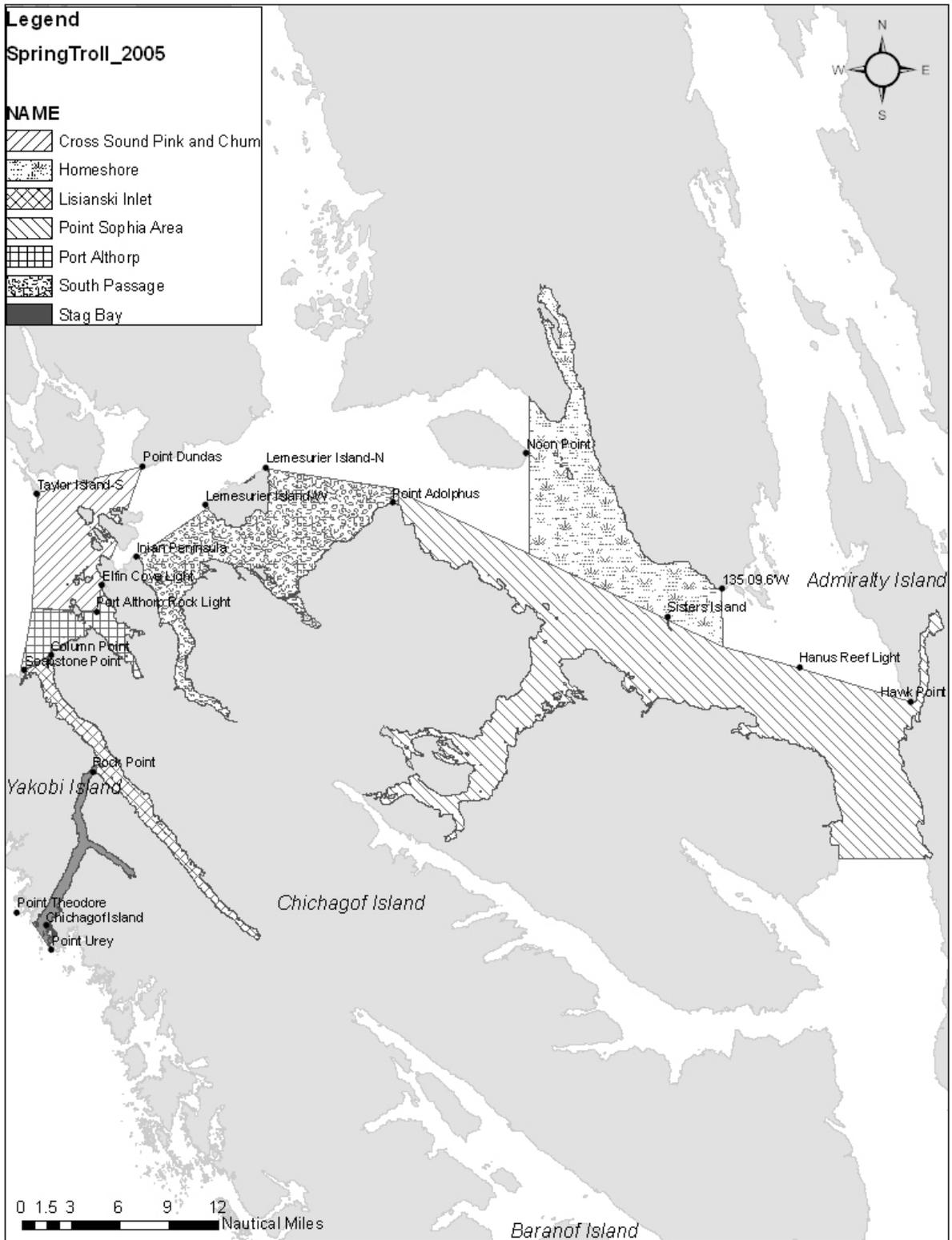


Figure 4.—North Chatham and Icy Strait spring trolling areas, 2005

Sitka Areas (see Figure 5).

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01) **New lines** : In waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock (56°59.5' N. lat., 135°26.5' W. long.) to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°3.42' N. latitude, 135°36' W. longitude, south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05' N. latitude, 135°35' W. longitude through The Eckholms Light and northwest of a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock.

Biorka (Fishery area 113-31): In waters of Sitka Sound bounded by a line from Cape Burunof (56°59' N. lat.) to Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peiser Island to the northernmost tip of Biorka Island to Point Woodhouse to the southernmost point on Liesnoi island to the southernmost point on Legma Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.42' N. latitude, 135°23.17' W. longitude

Eastern Channel (Fishery area 113-35) : In Sitka Sound, only those waters of Eastern Channel west of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude, to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N. latitude, 135°18.10' W. longitude, and north and east of a line from Cape Burunof (56°59' N. lat., 135°23' W. long.) to Kulichkof Rock (56°59.5' N. lat., 135°26.5' W. long.) to the southern tip of Makhnati Island and south of the John O'Connell bridge.

Note: The Eastern Channel area as described above will be open April 15-30. Effective May 1, the Deep Inlet THA will be managed as a rotational gear fishery according to 5 AAC 33.376. A portion of the Deep Inlet THA will remain open to trolling as part of the Eastern Channel Spring Troll area from May 1-21, including those waters west of 135°21.52' W. longitude. (figure 6). From May 22 through June 30, waters east of a line from the westernmost tip of Long Island to a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude will be managed as per the Deep Inlet THA Salmon Management Plan. The Deep Inlet THA is scheduled to be open to trolling on May 5, 11, 19, 25 and June 2, 8, 16, 29 and 30.

Inner Silver Bay (Fishery area 113-37): The waters of Silver Bay and Eastern Channel east of a line from Entry Point Light to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N. latitude, 135°18.10' W. longitude. The Bear Cove SHA will be open when the Inner Silver Bay spring area is open.

Middle Island (Fishery area 113-41) **New lines**: In Sitka Sound, only those waters northeast of a line from a point in Kruzof Island at 57°05' N. latitude, 135°35' W. longitude through the Eckholms Light, northwest of a line from Kulichkof Rock (56°59.5' N. lat., 135°26.5' W. long.) to the southern tip of Makhnati Island and waters of Krestof Sound and Neva Strait south of 57°15' N. latitude. Waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound and Katlian Bay will be open.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.5' N. latitude, waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46' W. longitude, and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15' N. latitude

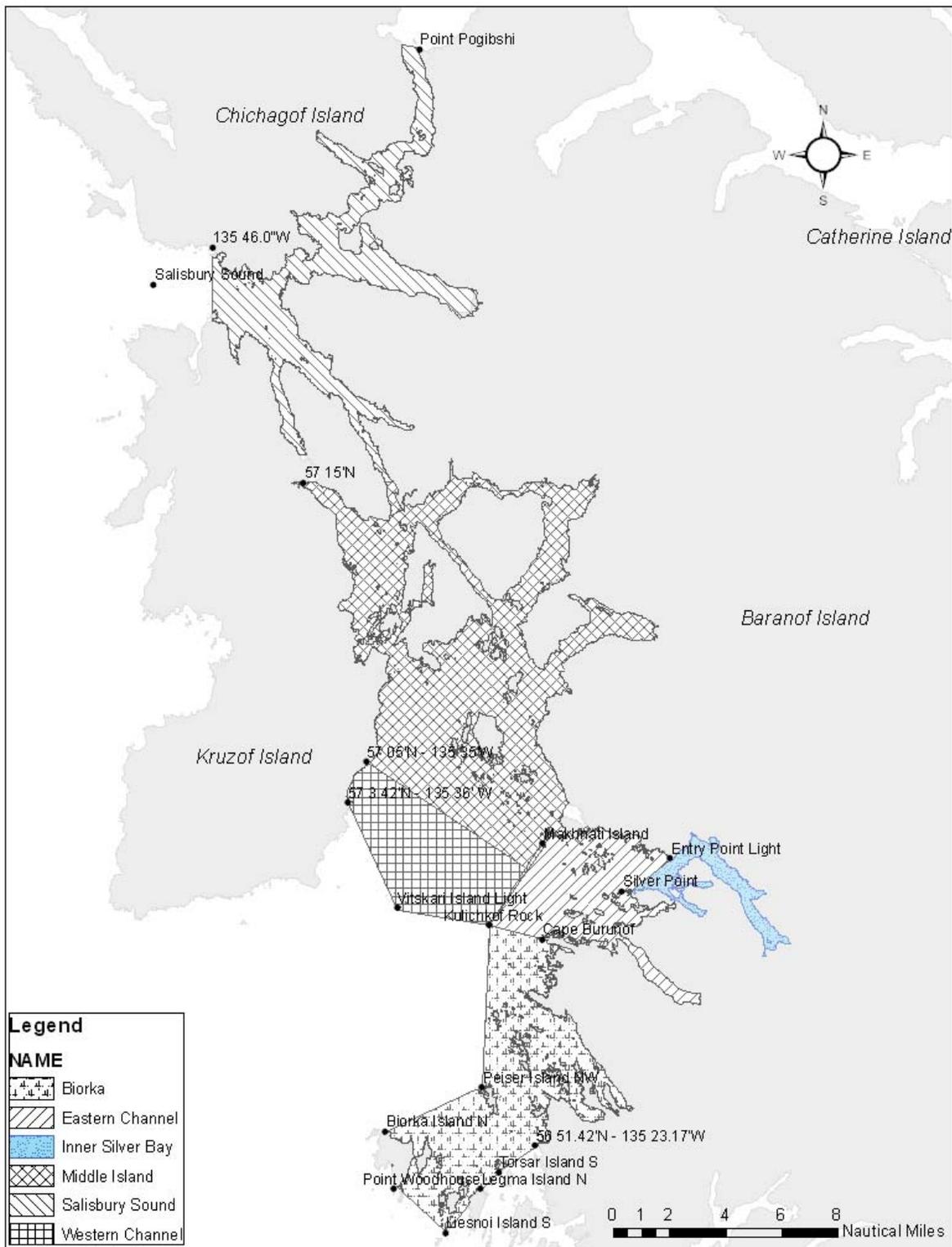


Figure 5.—Sitka spring trolling areas 2005.

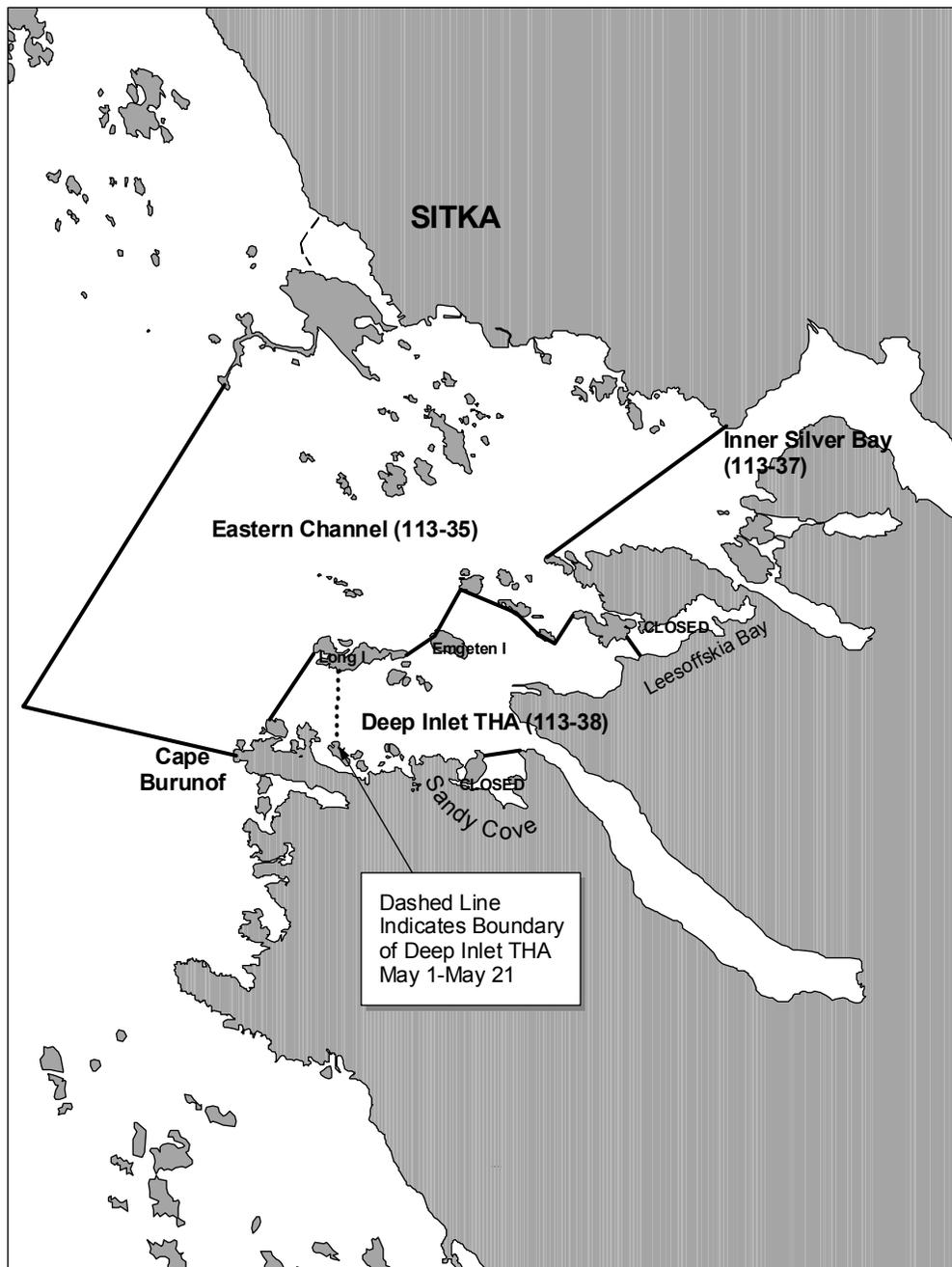


Figure 6 –Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area boundaries, 2005.

District 11 Directed Chinook salmon Troll Fisheries (see Figure 7).

Section 11-A: In waters of Section 11-A east and south of a line from Point Young to Point Hilda and west and north of a line from False Point Arden to Point Tantallon,

Section 11-B: Waters of Section 11-B south of Cove Point

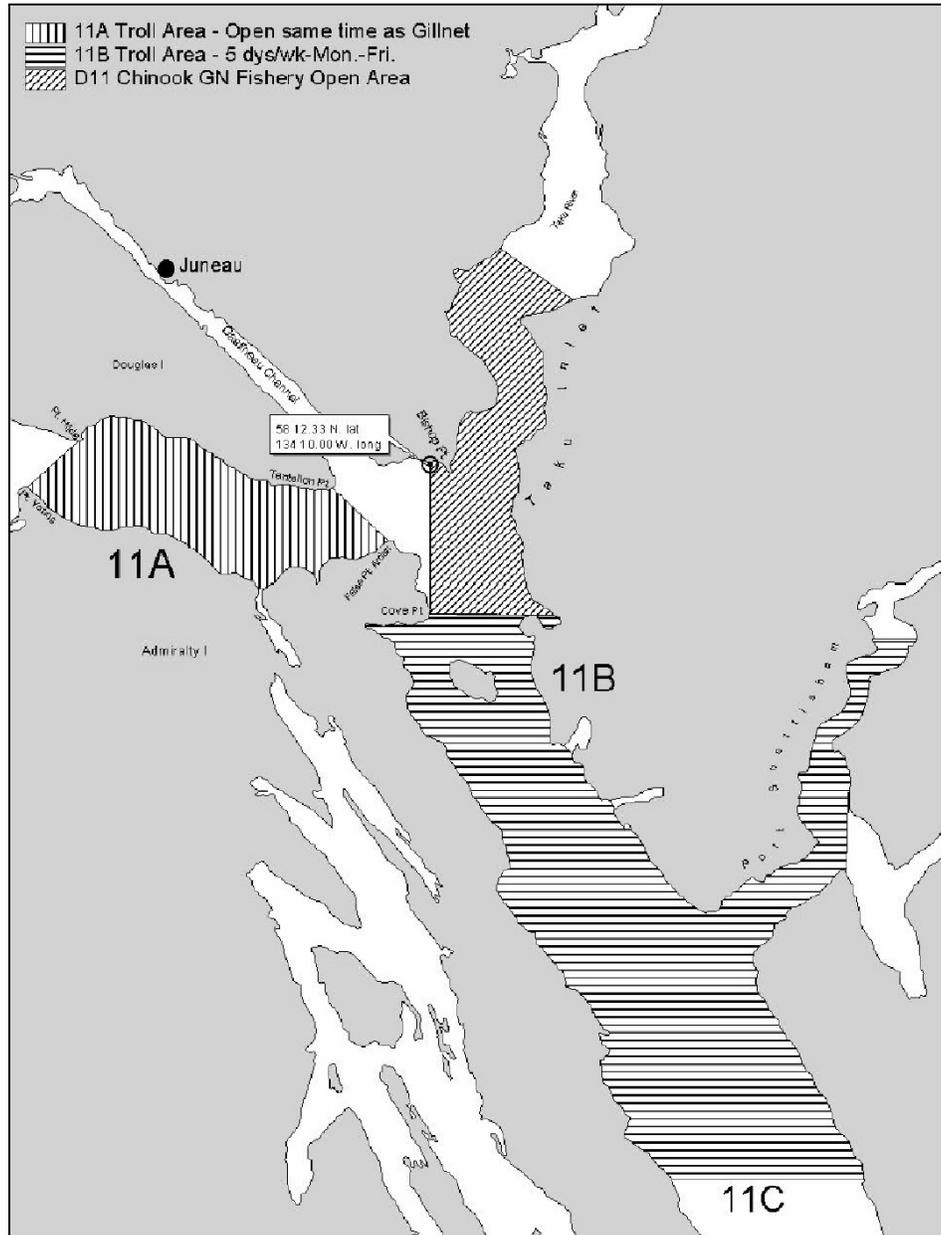


Figure 7 –Waters of Sections 11-A and 11-B that will be opened for commercial trolling in 2005.

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