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INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the management plan the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) will follow to manage the 2001 Southeast Alaska spring commercial salmon troll fishery, according the Board of Fisheries adopted guidelines listed in the State of Alaska Administrative Code under 5 AAC 29.090.

CHANGES IN THE SPRING TROLL FISHERIES

Changes for 2001

The department will reopen an experimental fishery area in West Behm Canal (101-90), which was open previously in 1987 and 1989, to target Ketchikan area hatchery returns.

In order to increase the number of samples received from the experimental areas and to simplify catch reporting, the following areas will be combined for 2001:

- ? Mountain Point and Carroll Inlet (new name will be Mountain Point, 101-45);
- ? North Sumner Strait and South Sumner Strait (new name will be Sumner Strait, 105-41);

Several areas will open earlier this year than in the past. These areas are located near hatcheries that expect a substantial increase in their chinook returns this year and have had a high percentage of Alaskan hatchery fish historically. A schedule of initial opening dates can be found on page 7 of this document.

For complete boundary descriptions and maps see Figures 1-6.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

Experimental Fisheries

Non-Alaskan hatchery fish (treaty fish) are counted towards the season treaty quota of chinook salmon under the Pacific Salmon Treaty, but most of the Alaskan hatchery fish are not. The spring troll and terminal troll fisheries target Alaskan 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 experimental fishing area as follows:

Alaskan hatchery contribution to the catch	Treaty fish limit
less than 33%	1,000
33% to 49%	2,000
50% to 65%	3,000
greater than 65%	no limit

Each year, fishery managers from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game 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 whether the area is one where a substantial portion of the catch is likely to be Alaskan hatchery chinook salmon. The department will also examine 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 experimental fishing area is managed individually. Fishing periods are opened weekly by emergency order, usually beginning on Monday and Tuesday [5 AAC 29.090 (d)(1)(E)]. 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.

Fishing time in an area may be extended based on inseason assessment of CWT data and historic catch 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 Alaskan hatchery fish can be determined for each experimental area. Separate fish tickets must also be made for each area fished [5 AAC 29.130].

Six experimental areas that have had a consistently high percentage of Alaskan hatchery fish will be opened until further notice this year. These areas will be monitored, however, and fishing time will be reduced if the Alaskan hatchery percent is low or if the catch approaches the treaty fish limit. These fisheries are Point Sophia, Chatham Strait, Frederick Sound, Kingsmill Point, Inner Silver Bay, and Mountain Point.

Historically, several spring troll experimental areas have not met the 20% Alaska hatchery contribution rate necessary to continue those areas without modification [5 AAC 29.090 (d)(1)(C)]. 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. The reason for this is to collect the data that unequivocally demonstrates that the area has consistently low Alaska hatchery chinook salmon contributions. The following areas have had consistently, or initially, low Alaska hatchery percentages and will be closely monitored in 2001: West Rock (101-21), Point Alava (101-53), Ship Island Shore (102-80), Snow Passage (106-41), Ernest Sound (107-10), Babbler Point (107-47), Baht Harbor (108-30), South Passage (114-23), and Lisianski Inlet (113-95). Trollers can anticipate limited fishing time in these areas unless inseason data suggest there is a demonstrated increase in hatchery chinook harvest. Trollers can assist the sampling effort by notifying department personnel when delivering their catch 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 catch. Early season catches in all areas, and catches throughout the spring from Lisianski Inlet, South Passage, Homeshore, Sumner Strait, Wrangell/Clarence Strait and Lower Chatham Strait areas are of particular concern in obtaining adequate samples.

Terminal Fisheries

Terminal fisheries are conducted in areas near a hatchery or release site. The chinook caught in the terminal areas are considered to be 100% Alaska hatchery fish, based on previous sampling. Terminal area fisheries occur at Hidden Falls, Eastern Passage (Earl West Cove), Neets Bay, and Wrangell Narrows.

The total projected adult chinook return to the terminal area of Wrangell Narrows is about 7,800 fish. 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, or about 1,900 fish.

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 in June (June 11) through June 29 [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.

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.

2000 SPRING FISHERY SUMMARY

A total of 397 vessels participated in the 2000 spring fisheries, and harvested 28,800 chinook (Table 1), 700 sockeye, 800 coho, 4,000 pink, and 17,600 chum salmon. The highest catches were in the Hidden Falls, Eastern Channel, Middle Island, and Mountain Point areas. In the Cross Sound pink and chum experimental fishery area 3,900 pink, 17,200 chum, and 100 chinook salmon were harvested.

2001 ALASKA HATCHERY CHINOOK RETURN FORECAST

Hatchery facility managers are predicting returns of over 160,000 chinook salmon for 2001, as compared to estimated 2000 returns of 133,000 fish in 2000 (Table 2). The largest returns are expected to Medvejie Creek (52,800 fish) and Hidden Falls (36,000 fish).

2001 SPRING TROLL FISHERY - INITIAL OPENINGS

Experimental Fisheries

Following is a preliminary schedule for anticipated initial opening weeks for each area (for area descriptions and maps (Figures 1-6). 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 our web site at <http://documents.cfl.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>.

Note that in some areas, openings the week of Memorial Day (May 28) will begin on Tuesday, instead of Monday.

Week of:	April 16	April 30	May 14	May 21
Experimental Area:	*Point Sophia *Chatham Strait *Frederick Sound ^a *Inner Silver Bay Middle Island Salisbury Sound	Homeshore Eastern Channel *Kingsmill Point Little Port Walter Sumner Strait Tebenkof Bay Snow Passage South Passage *Mountain Point Gravina Island West Behm Canal	Ship Island Shore Baht Harbor Steamer Point Ernest Sound Babler Point	Lisianski Inlet West Rock Point Alava

^a Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area will be extended south and east of a line from Boulder Point to Point Highland to those waters north and west of a line from Wood Point to Beacon Point, and excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand Point, and excluding waters of Thomas Bay north and east of a line from Point Vanderput to Wood Point (5 AAC 33.381).

* Denotes fisheries that will remain open, during the spring season, until further notice beginning on dates in table headings.

Terminal Troll Fisheries

- ? **Earl West Cove:** opens June 15 by emergency order and remains open until closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.373 (b)).
- ? **Hidden Falls:** opens April 16 by emergency order and remains open until closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.374(b)).
- ? **Neets Bay:** opens May 1 by emergency order and remains 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 guideline harvest of about 1,900 chinook salmon has been harvested (5 AAC 33.381(b)(4)).

Cross Sound Pink and Chum Experimental Fishery

The **Cross Sound** pink and chum salmon experimental troll fishery will be open Monday through Friday each week from June 11 through June 29 or until 500 chinook salmon are caught; whichever occurs first. Trollers are required to offload fish caught in this fishery prior to fishing in the general opening beginning July 1 (5 AAC 29.090 (g)).

CLOSED WATERS

Trollers are reminded that a description of closed waters is listed under 5 AAC 29.150.

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 charter vessel, though a vessel may not be used for both activities on the same day (5 AAC 75.995 (8)).

These regulations can be found in the 2001 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 2000 – 2001 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, March 15-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 six-hour notice to the National Marine Fisheries Service [50 CFR 679.5 (l)(1)(iv)]. Trollers fishing for salmon in Sitka Sound may 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 catch.

2. Lingcod greater than 27" may be taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery starting May 16 (5 AAC 28.113 (c)). Trollers are allowed a 10% bycatch of lingcod against the round weight of salmon onboard. When the troll lingcod quota is reached for each management area trollers will be required to release lingcod back into the water². Inseason closures may occur on short notice and will be announced by news release. Lingcod must be delivered with the external gender indicators intact. Lingcod should be landed head-on until further notice.

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 (in Sitka, contact Cleo Brylinsky, 304 Lake Street, Room 103; phone- 907-747-6688). The tags should be left on the fish. 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.

Trollers are reminded that the waters of Sitka Sound are closed permanently to the taking of lingcod (5 AAC 28.150 (a)). Groundfish may not be taken in waters off Cape Edgecumbe enclosed by a box defined as 56°55.5' N. lat., 56°57' N. lat., 135°54' W. long., and 135°57' W. long. (5 AAC 28.150 (c)).

3. Full retention of all rockfish is required when fishing in the Northern Southeast Inside and Southern Southeast Inside subdistricts. These areas correspond closely with salmon Districts 101-115. A permit holder must retain, weigh, and report all rockfish taken. All rockfish in excess of bycatch limits in round weight of all target species onboard must be reported as bycatch overage on the fish ticket and proceeds from the sale of excess rockfish will go the state (5 AAC 28.171 (f)). Groundfish bycatch allowances are outlined in E.O. 1-G-5-01. Contact the ADF&G groundfish staff at 747-6688 for more information.

4. 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 target 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

² Established by Emergency Order 1-G-01-01 after being suggested by the Alaska Board of Fisheries Lingcod Working Group.

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.

5. 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.

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Juneau Troll Recorded Information Line	(907) 465-8765 (TROL)
Sitka Troll Recorded Information Line	(907) 747-8765 (TROL)
Troll Website:	http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region1/finfish/salmon/trolinfo.htm
News Release Website:	http://documents.cf1.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po

Table 1. The number of chinook salmon harvested and permits fished in the 2000 spring experimental and terminal troll fisheries. Catches are omitted from weeks where less than three permits made landings, therefore totals may not reflect the sum of weekly values.

District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery %
101-21	West Rock Exp. Troll	5/22 -	5/23	-	-	
		5/30 -	5/31	-	-	
		6/5 -	6/6	-	-	
		6/12 -	6/13	-	-	
		6/19 -	6/20	-	-	
		6/26 -	6/27	confidential		
		West Rock Exp. Troll Total			confidential	
101-29	Gravina Is. Exp. Troll	5/22 -	5/26	-	-	
		5/30 -	6/2	-	-	
		6/5 -	6/9	6	95	58%
		6/12 -	6/17	8	321	75%
		6/18 -	6/24	12	618	45%
		6/25 -	6/29	6	239	58%
		Gravina Is. Exp. Troll Total			17	1,273
101-45	Mountain Point Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/19	-	-	
		5/22 -	5/26	3	20	
		5/30 -	6/2	4	81	89%
		6/5 -	6/9	6	132	55%
		6/12 -	6/17	9	511	69%
		6/18 -	6/24	9	591	80%
		6/25 -	6/29	5	456	59%
		7/6 -	7/8	confidential		
7/9 -	7/15	confidential				
Mountain Point Exp. Troll Total			12	1,880	70%	
101-46	Carroll Inlet Term. Troll	5/18 -	5/20	-	-	
		5/21 -	5/27	-	-	
		5/28 -	6/3	-	-	
		6/4 -	6/10	confidential		
		6/11 -	6/17	confidential		
		6/18 -	6/24	-	-	
		6/25 -	6/30	-	-	
Carroll Inlet Term. Troll Total			confidential		none sampled	
101-53	Pt. Alava Shore Exp. Troll	5/22 -	5/23	confidential	-	
		5/30 -	5/31	-	-	
		6/5 -	6/6	-	-	
		6/12 -	6/13	-	-	
		6/19 -	6/20	-	-	
		6/26 -	6/27	-	-	
		Pt. Alava Shore Exp. Troll Total			confidential	

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
102-80	Ship Is. Shore Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/16	-	-	
		5/22 -	5/26	-	-	
		5/30 -	6/2	confidential		
		6/5 -	6/9	-	-	
		6/12 -	6/16	confidential		
		6/19 -	6/24	3	24	
		6/25 -	6/29	-	-	
	Ship Is. Shore Exp. Troll Total			4	33	0%
105-41	S. Sumner St. Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	3	14	0%
		5/6 -	5/6	6	45	45%
		5/7 -	5/7	-	-	
		5/13 -	5/13	4	39	3%
		5/14 -	5/16	confidential		
		5/20 -	5/20	6	58	2%
		5/21 -	5/21	-	-	
		5/27 -	5/27	6	57	2%
		5/28 -	5/28	-	-	
		6/3 -	6/3	8	69	29%
		6/4 -	6/4	-	-	
		6/8 -	6/10	6	72	89%
		6/11 -	6/13	confidential		
		6/14 -	6/17	4	55	83%
		6/18 -	6/20	-	-	
6/21 -	6/24	4	26	45%		
6/25 -	6/29	confidential				
	S. Sumner St. Exp. Troll Total			16	489	37%
106-30	Steamer Point Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/19	confidential		
		5/22 -	5/26	3	56	
		5/30 -	6/2	confidential		
		6/5 -	6/9	confidential		
		6/12 -	6/16	4	29	35%
		6/19 -	6/24	8	169	28%
		6/25 -	6/29	7	99	
	Steamer Point Exp. Troll Total			13	420	13%

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
106-41	Snow Passage Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	confidential		
		5/8 -	5/9	-	-	
		5/15 -	5/19	-	-	
		5/22 -	5/26	-	-	
		5/30 -	6/2	-	-	
		6/5 -	6/9	-	-	
		6/15 -	6/17	-	-	
		6/18 -	6/24	-	-	
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
	Snow Passage Exp. Troll Total			confidential		0%
106-43	N. Sumner St. Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	-	-	
		5/6 -	5/6	-	-	
		5/7 -	5/7	-	-	
		5/13 -	5/13	-	-	
		5/14 -	5/16	-	-	
		5/20 -	5/20	-	-	
		5/21 -	5/21	-	-	
		5/27 -	5/27	-	-	
		5/28 -	5/28	-	-	
		6/4 -	6/4	-	-	
		6/8 -	6/10	-	-	
		6/11 -	6/13	-	-	
		6/14 -	6/17	confidential		
		6/18 -	6/20	-	-	
6/24 -	6/24	-	-			
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
	N. Sumner St. Exp. Troll Total			confidential		0%
106-44	Wrangell Narrows Term.	6/1 -	6/3	11	103	100%
		6/4 -	6/10	22	289	100%
		6/11 -	6/17	18	406	100%
		6/18 -	6/24	24	461	100%
		6/25 -	6/27	10	70	100%
			Wrangell Narrows Term. Total		33	1,329
107-10	Ernest Sound Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/19	-	-	
		5/22 -	5/26	-	-	
		5/30 -	6/2	confidential		
		6/5 -	6/9	3	42	
		6/12 -	6/16	confidential		
		6/19 -	6/24	confidential		
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
	Ernest Sound Exp. Troll Total			6	86	13%

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
107-45	Earl West Cove Term.	6/15 -	6/17	3	106	100%
		6/18 -	6/24	4	98	100%
		6/25 -	7/1	confidential		100%
	Earl West Cove Term. Total				5	215
107-47	Babbler Pt. Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/19	confidential		
		5/22 -	5/26	4	60	
		5/30 -	6/2	confidential		
		6/5 -	6/9	7	82	
		6/12 -	6/16	3	36	0%
		6/19 -	6/24	-	-	
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
Babbler Pt. Exp. Troll Total				7	229	0%
108-30	Baht Harbor Exp. Troll	5/15 -	5/19	3	23	0%
		5/22 -	5/26	confidential		
		5/30 -	6/2	14	223	18%
		6/5 -	6/9	7	43	56%
		6/12 -	6/16	4	42	0%
		6/19 -	6/24	confidential		
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
Baht Harbor Exp. Troll Total				20	417	19%
109-10	Little Port Walter Exp.	5/1 -	5/2	-	-	
		5/8 -	5/9	confidential		
		5/15 -	5/16	confidential		
		5/22 -	5/23	-	-	
		5/29 -	5/30	confidential		
		6/5 -	6/6	-	-	
		6/12 -	6/13	confidential		
		6/19 -	6/20	6	89	
6/22 -	6/24	8	113	100%		
6/26 -	6/27	12	125			
Little Port Walter Exp. Total				21	358	35%
109-51	Kingsmill Point Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	confidential		
		5/6 -	5/6	4	84	19%
		5/7 -	5/13	5	43	34%
		5/14 -	5/20	3	25	0%
		5/21 -	5/24	-	-	
		5/29 -	5/30	confidential		
		6/2 -	6/3	confidential		
		6/4 -	6/10	11	128	42%
		6/11 -	6/17	9	201	37%
		6/18 -	6/24	13	322	59%
	6/25 -	6/29	3	44	7%	
Kingsmill Point Exp. Troll Total				34	880	44%

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
109-62	Tebenkof Bay Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	3	52	71%
		5/6 -	5/6	4	100	0%
		5/7 -	5/13	6	106	99%
		5/14 -	5/20	3	34	0%
		5/21 -	5/24	confidential		
		5/29 -	5/30	4	37	20%
		6/5 -	6/6	3	50	50%
		6/9 -	6/10	confidential		
		6/11 -	6/17	5	191	11%
		6/18 -	6/20	6	131	19%
	6/26 -	6/27	4	235	15%	
	Tebenkof Bay Exp. Troll Total			23	985	26%
110-31	Frederick Sound Exp. Troll	4/17 -	4/19	-	-	
		4/20 -	4/22	confidential		
		4/23 -	4/26	3	42	31%
		4/27 -	4/29	confidential		
		4/30 -	5/6	5	31	39%
		5/7 -	5/13	6	19	80%
		5/14 -	5/20	6	40	100%
		5/21 -	5/27	7	118	62%
		5/28 -	6/3	7	141	15%
		6/4 -	6/10	13	105	18%
6/11 -	6/17	9	88	22%		
6/18 -	6/24	11	143	25%		
	6/25 -	6/29	3	14		
	Frederick Sound Exp. Troll Total			33	771	38%
112-12	Chatham Strait Exp. Troll	4/17 -	4/22	-	-	
		4/23 -	4/29	-	-	
		4/30 -	5/6	-	-	
		5/7 -	5/13	3	14	
		5/14 -	5/20	-	-	
		5/21 -	5/27	4	30	100%
		5/28 -	6/3	7	125	71%
		6/4 -	6/10	7	50	100%
		6/11 -	6/17	8	205	27%
		6/18 -	6/24	22	756	100%
	6/25 -	6/29	5	60	2%	
	Chatham Strait Exp. Troll Total			37	1,240	89%

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
112-22	Hidden Falls Term. Troll	4/17 -	4/22	-	-	
		4/23 -	4/29	-	-	
		4/30 -	5/6	-	-	
		5/7 -	5/13	-	-	
		5/14 -	5/20	3	96	100%
		5/21 -	5/27	confidential		
		5/28 -	6/3	11	424	100%
		6/4 -	6/10	27	1,229	100%
		6/11 -	6/17	31	2,171	100%
		6/18 -	6/24	33	2,112	100%
	6/25 -	7/1	8	218	100%	
	Hidden Falls Term. Troll Total			55	6,251	100%
113-35	Eastern Channel	5/15 -	5/16	7	19	
		5/22 -	5/25	11	56	23%
		5/30 -	6/2	14	210	95%
		6/3 -	6/10	32	388	80%
		6/11 -	6/17	32	1,274	97%
		6/18 -	6/24	56	1,667	60%
		6/25 -	6/29	23	340	24%
	Eastern Channel Total			95	3,954	70%
113-37	Inner Silver Bay	5/1 -	5/6	5	16	92%
		5/7 -	5/13	6	23	100%
		5/14 -	5/20	6	48	0%
		5/21 -	5/27	11	74	54%
		5/28 -	6/3	6	69	17%
		6/4 -	6/10	14	176	60%
		6/11 -	6/17	7	90	35%
		6/18 -	6/24	7	141	100%
	6/25 -	6/29	confidential			
	Inner Silver Bay Total			40	660	63%
113-41	Middle Island Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	6	49	26%
		5/8 -	5/9	13	97	2%
		5/15 -	5/16	21	124	50%
		5/17 -	5/20	15	118	69%
		5/21 -	5/26	25	311	18%
		5/30 -	6/3	14	217	36%
		6/4 -	6/7	14	262	30%
		6/9 -	6/10	12	182	46%
		6/11 -	6/17	12	168	46%
		6/18 -	6/24	33	1,596	47%
	6/25 -	6/29	24	486	24%	
	Middle Island Exp. Troll Total			84	3,610	39%

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District-Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
113-62	Salisbury Sound Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	confidential		
		5/8 -	5/9	-	-	
		5/15 -	5/16	confidential		
		5/22 -	5/23	confidential		
		5/29 -	6/2	5	48	29%
		6/5 -	6/6	4	30	100%
		6/8 -	6/10	7	65	0%
		6/11 -	6/17	10	93	67%
		6/18 -	6/24	7	202	0%
	6/25 -	6/29	7	230	38%	
	Salisbury Sound Exp. Troll Total			24	697	35%
113-95	Lisianski Inlet Exp. Troll	5/22 -	5/23	7	67	0%
		5/29 -	5/30	6	66	18%
		6/5 -	6/6	7	115	3%
		6/12 -	6/13	8	248	48%
		6/19 -	6/20	11	57	3%
		6/26 -	6/27	8	137	1%
	Lisianski Inlet Exp. Troll Total			22	690	20%
114-21	Cross Sound Exp. Troll	6/12 -	6/16	confidential		
		6/19 -	6/23	9	41	98%
		6/26 -	6/29	14	58	0%
	Cross Sound Exp. Troll Total			16	104	39%
114-23	South Passage Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	confidential		
		5/8 -	5/9	confidential		
		5/15 -	5/16	-	-	
		5/22 -	5/23	-	-	
		5/29 -	5/30	-	-	
		6/5 -	6/9	confidential		
		6/12 -	6/16	-	-	
		6/19 -	6/24	confidential		
	6/25 -	6/29	-	-		
	South Passage Exp. Troll Total			4	15	0%

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District- Subdistrict	Fishery Name	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	Alaska Hatchery Percent
114-25	Homeshore Exp. Troll	5/1 -	5/2	7	76	30%
		5/8 -	5/9	17	90	30%
		5/13 -	5/13	6	55	28%
		5/14 -	5/20	13	222	39%
		5/21 -	5/26	11	190	9%
		5/30 -	5/31	9	50	24%
		6/5 -	6/6	6	59	22%
		6/12 -	6/13	6	79	76%
		6/15 -	6/17	3	83	27%
		6/18 -	6/20	8	113	41%
		6/21 -	6/24	confidential		0%
		6/25 -	6/29	3	8	0%
		Homeshore Exp. Troll Total				42
114-27	Pt. Sophia Exp. Troll	4/17 -	4/22	confidential		
		4/23 -	4/29	confidential		
		4/30 -	5/6	6	33	0%
		5/7 -	5/13	9	85	0%
		5/14 -	5/20	7	43	100%
		5/21 -	5/27	9	80	55%
		5/28 -	6/3	15	167	88%
		6/4 -	6/10	19	231	100%
		6/11 -	6/17	23	306	36%
		6/18 -	6/24	12	73	77%
6/25 -	6/29	confidential				
Pt. Sophia Exp. Troll Total				44	1,040	65%
				Experimental	21,005	50%
				Subtotal		
				Terminal	7,795	100%
				Subtotal		
Grand Total				28,800	65%	

Table 2. Projected and actual 2000 returns and projected 2001 returns in numbers of chinook and early summer coho salmon^a.

Release Site	2000 Projection	2000 Actual Return	2001 Projection
Whitman Lake	10,500	16,400	15,000
Neets Bay	3,100	2,800	4,700
Deer Mountain	700	1,600	700
Tamgas Creek	13,000	17,700	25,000
Little Port Walter	2,000	2,900	2,500
Hidden Falls	28,300	36,600	36,000
Gastineau	6,000	4,500	7,500
Earl West Cove	5,000	11,400	10,000
Crystal Lake	12,400	9,700	7,800
Medvejie Creek	24,600	29,600	52,800
Neck Lake (Coho)	160,000	60,055	75,000
Southeast Alaska Hatchery Chinook Salmon Totals	105,600	133,200	160,300

^a Early summer coho salmon returns to Neck Lake enhancement project are included because of a regulation adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in February 2000 (5 AAC 29.090 (h)).

2000 SPRING FISHING AREAS AND MAPS

Maps show approximate fishing area boundaries. Refer to area description for 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) (modified in 2001): In Section 1-F in waters of Tongass Narrows north of the latitude of Rosa Reef light and south of a line from Point Higgins (55°27'28" N. lat., 131°50'00" W. long.) to Caamano Point (55°30'00" N. lat., 131°58'00" W. long.); in the waters of Clarence Strait north of 54°55'00" N. latitude (south of Point White) and west of a line from Point White (54°44'45" N. lat., 131°40'30" W. long.) to Survey Point (55°00'45" N. lat., 131°29'15" W. long.); in waters of Nichols Passage south of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10'40" N. lat.).

Mountain Point (fishery Area 101-45) (modified in 2001): In waters of Section 1-F, in Nichols Passage north of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10'40" N. lat.) and south of a line from Gravina Point (55°17'15" N. lat., 131°34'45" W. long.) to a point on Revillagigedo Island at 55°18'45" N. lat., 131°35'15" W. long.; in Revillagigedo Channel south of the latitude of California Head, including waters of Carroll Inlet, and north of a line from 55°13'36" N. lat., 131°17'18" W. long. (approximately 1-mile south of Cone Point) to Harbor Point (55°13'00" N. lat., 131°25'00" W. long.).

Point Alava Shore (fishery Area 101-53) (same as 2000): In waters within one nautical mile of the Revillagigedo Island shore north and west of Point Alava (located at 55°11'38" N. lat., 131°10'47" W. long.) and south of a line from 55°13'36" N. lat., 131°17'18" W. long. to Harbor Point.

West Rock (fishery Area 101-21) (modified in 2001): In the waters of Section 1-F south of the latitude of 54°55'00" (south of Point White), north of the latitude of Barren Island (54°44'45" N. lat.), west of a line from Barren Island to Cape Northumberland.

Ship Island Shore (fishery area 102-80) (same area as 2000): in Clarence Strait, only those waters of District 2 within one nautical mile of the Cleveland Peninsula south of the latitude of Lemesurier Point and west of the District 101/102 boundary where it intersects Caamano Point.

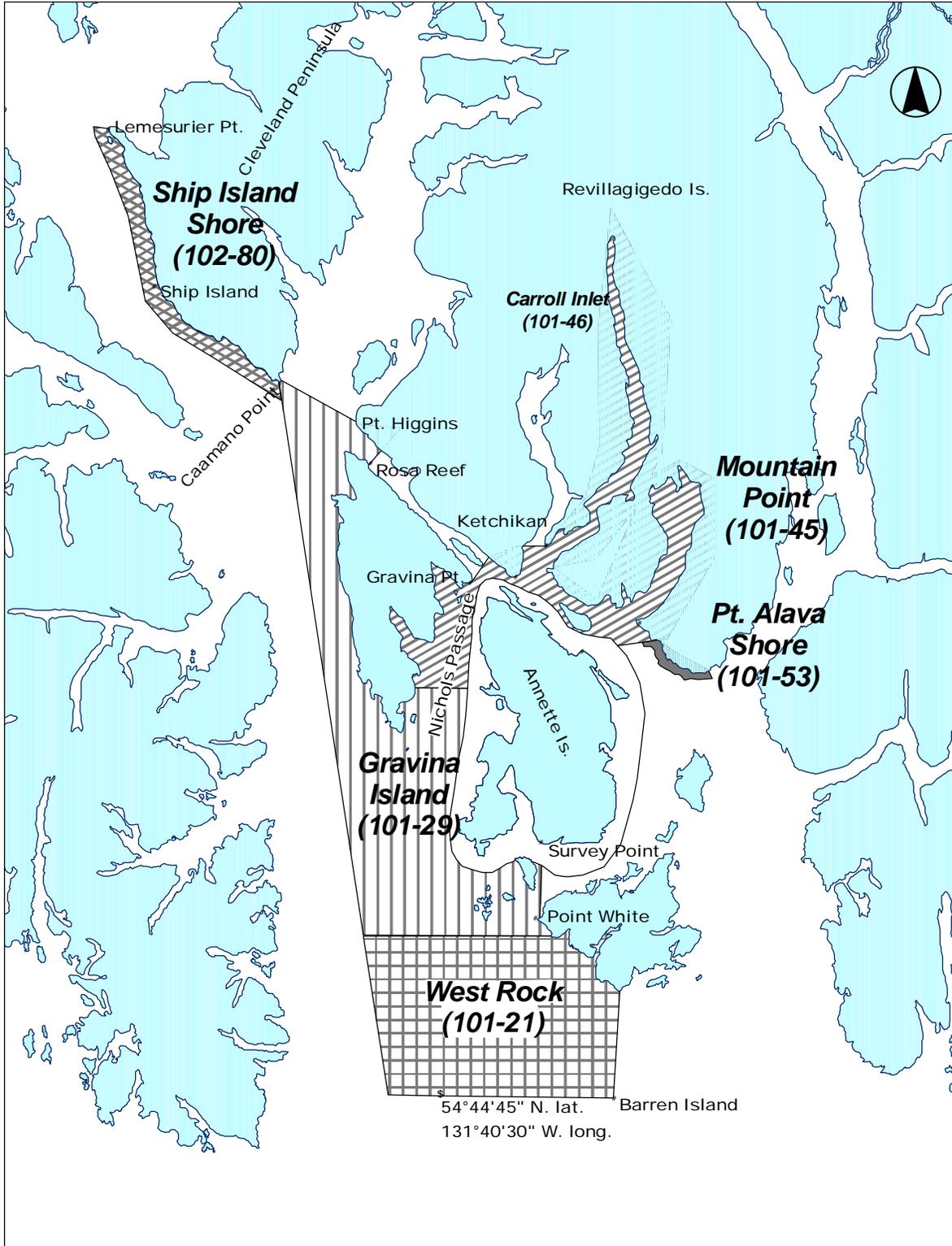


Figure 1. Gravina Island, Mountain Point, Point Alava Shore, West Rock, and Ship Island Shore spring fishing areas, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

Ernest Sound, Neets Bay, Ship Island Shore Areas (Figure 2).

Ernest Sound (fishery area 107-10) (same area as 2000): In waters of Ernest Sound in Sections 7A and 7B, east of a line from Lemesurier Point (56°46'00" N. lat., 132°17'00" W. long.) to Ernest Point (55°51'00" N. lat., 132°22'00" W. long.) to the southernmost point of Etolin Island; waters east of 132°07'00" W. long.; and waters south and west of 131°56'00" W. long. Zimovia Strait will be closed north of a line from Thoms Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°06'47" N. lat. , 132°06'34" W. long. Bradfield Canal will be closed east of 131°55'10" W. long.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (fishery area 101-95) (same area as 2000): 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 10) 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) (reopened in 2001): 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°50'08" N. lat. and north of the latitude of Indian Point 55°36'48" N. lat. and including waters of Neets Bay west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island until June 9. As of June 10, waters east of the longitude of Chin Point will be managed as part of the Neets Bay terminal area and catch from this area should be reported as "Neets Bay Terminal Area (101-95)."

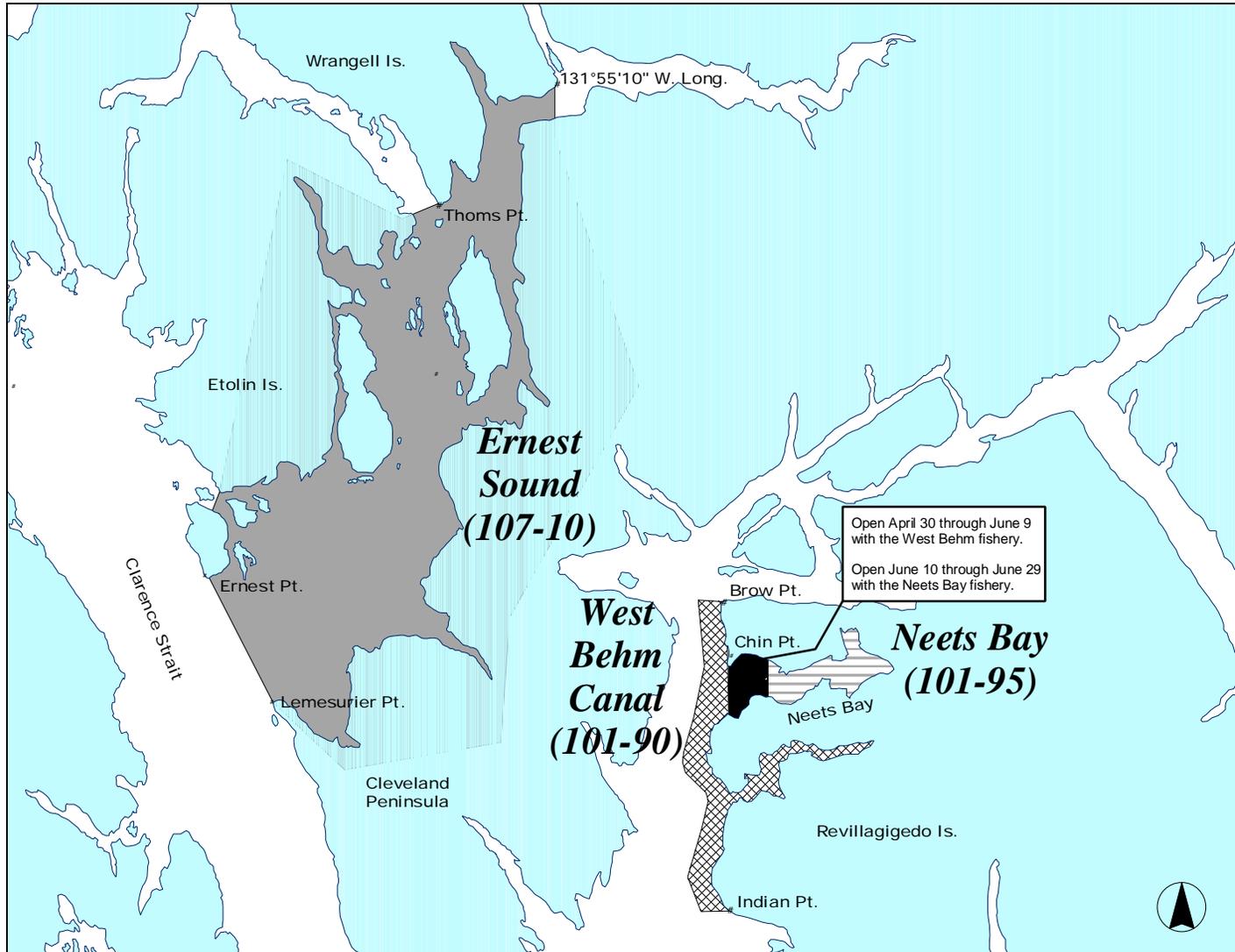


Figure 2. Ernest Sound, Neets Bay, and West Behm Canal spring fishing areas, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

Wrangell and Prince of Wales Areas (Figure 3).

Babbler Point (fishery area 107-47) (modified in 2001): In Section 7A, waters of Eastern Passage, south and east of a line from Point Highfield (57°11'N. lat.) to Babbler Point (56°29'10" N. lat., 132°17'10" W. long.) and north of 56°24'50" N. lat.

Baht Harbor (fishery area 108-30) (same area as 2000): In Sumner Strait, waters of Section 8B east of a line (the District 8 western boundary) from Point Alexander (56°30'35" N. lat., 132°56'55" W. long.) to Low Point (56°27'00" N. lat., 132°57'00" 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°24'50" N. lat. and west of 132°06'36" W. long., including waters of Madan Bay.

Sumner Strait (fishery area 105-41) (combines North and South Sumner Strait areas from 2000): In District 106, the waters of Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Colpoys (56°20'00" N. lat., 133°12'00" W. long.) to Mitchell Point (56°27'00" N. lat., 133°12'00" W. long.) and in District 105, the waters of Sumner Strait north of a line from Point St. Albans (56°05'00" N. lat., 133°59'30" W. long.) to Ruins Point (56°04'00" N. lat., 133°42'00" W. long.).

Snow Passage (fishery area 106-41) (same area as 2000): Waters of Section 6-B west of a line from Pt. Nesbitt (56°14'00" N. lat., 132°52'00" W. long.) to Key Reef Light, and north and west of a line from Key Reef Light to the northern tip of Exchange Island (56°12'55" N. lat., 133°03'29" W. long.) to a point on the Prince of Wales shore at the latitude of the northern tip of Exchange Island.

Steamer Point (fishery area 106-30) (same area as 2000): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6C, 6D, and 8B south of 56°20'06" N. lat. and north and east of a line from Pt. Nesbitt (56°14'00" N. lat., 132°52'00" W. long.) to Key Reef Light to Pt. Harrington (56°10'10" N. lat., 132°43'30" W. long.).

Wrangell Narrows Terminal Harvest Area (fishery area 106-44) (same area as 2000): The waters of Section 6-A south of 56°46' N. lat. (Martinsen's Dock), west of a line between Blind Point (56°39'00" N. lat., 132°54'50" W. long.) and Anchor Point (56°38'15" N. lat., 132°55'35" W. long.) and north of the latitude and east of the longitude of the northern tip of Woewodski Island.

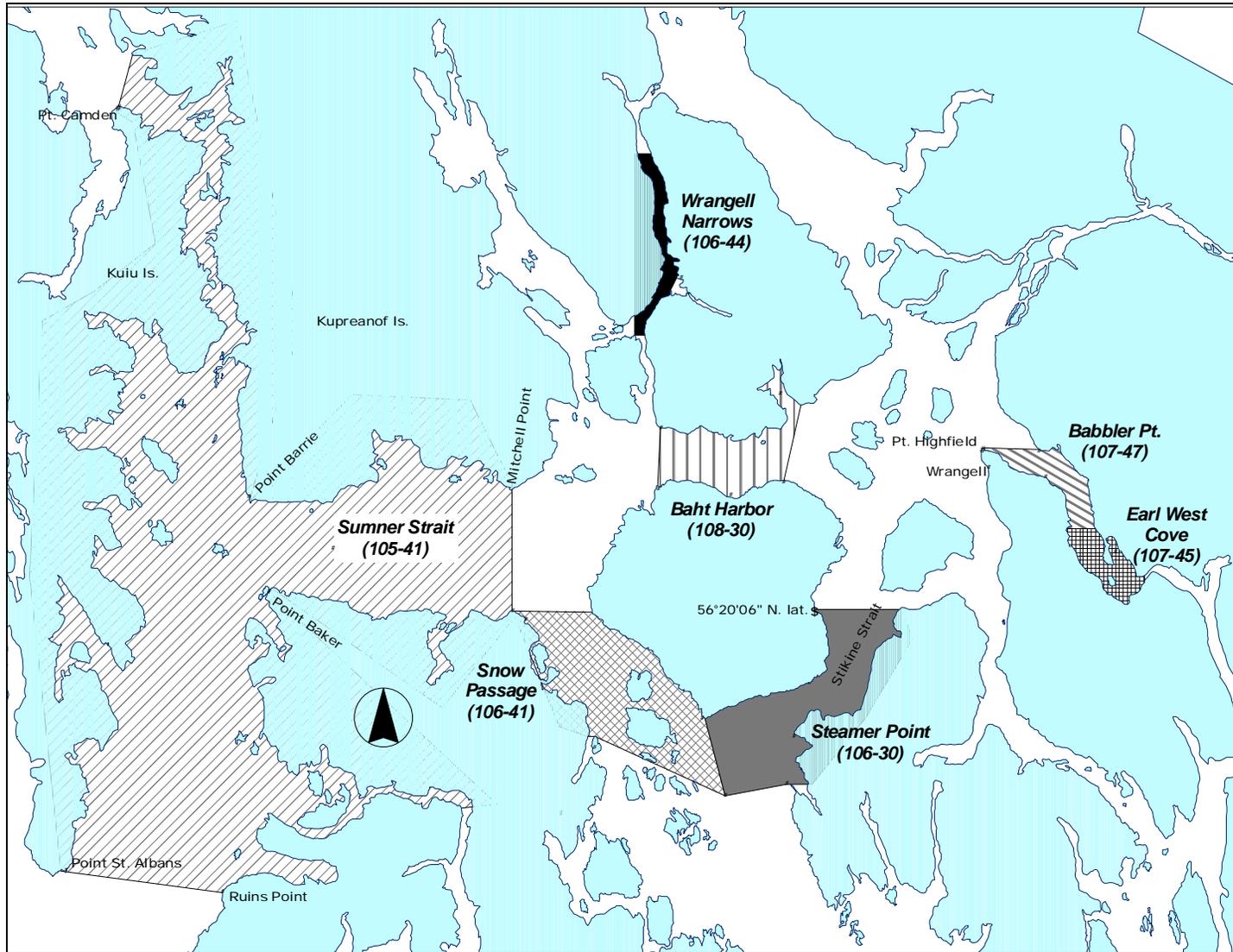


Figure 3. Sumner Strait, Snow Passage, Steamer Pt., Earl West Cove, Babbler Pt., Baht Harbor, and Wrangell Narrows spring trolling areas, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas (Figure 4).

Chatham Strait (fishery area 112-12) (same area as 2000): The waters of District 12 south of the latitude of Pt. Hepburn, including the waters of Freshwater Bay, Tenakee Inlet, and Kelp Bay excluding the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Area (112-22) and District 13 in the waters of Hoonah Sound and Peril Strait north of Pogibishi Pt.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (fishery area 112-22) (same area as 2000): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12A within two nautical miles of the Baranof and Catherine Island shorelines south of 57°20'00" N. lat. and north of 57°06'50" N. lat. (south of Takatz Bay), including all open waters of Kelp Bay.

Frederick Sound (fishery area 110-31) (same area as 2000): In Frederick Sound, those waters north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Pt. Macartney to 57°06'00" N. lat., 134°03'21" W. long.; south and east of a line from 57°06'00" N. lat., 134°03'21" W. long 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°25'19" N. lat., 133°25'38" W. long.; and north and west of a line from Boulder Point (57°00'50" N. lat., 133°18'55" W. long.) to Point Highland (57°09'00" N. lat., 133°27'45" W. long.). Waters of Port Houghton east of 133°11' W. long. 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°59'45" N. lat., 132°56'57" W. long.) to Beacon Point (56°56'15" N. lat., 132°59'30" W. long.), excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point (57°06'30" N. lat., 133°19'00" W. long.) to Grand Point (57°05'00" N. lat., 133°11'00" W. long.), and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vanderput (57°01'15" N. lat., 133°00'00" W. long.) to Wood Point.

Kingsmill Point (fishery area 109-51) (same area as 2000): The waters of District 9 north of Pt. Ellis including Keku Strait and Port Camden.

Little Port Walter (fishery area 109-10) (same area as 2000): In Chatham Strait, only in those waters of Section 9-A south of the latitude of Patterson Point (56°32'30" N. lat., 134°38'20" W. long.) and north of 56°15'50" N. lat. (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) (modified in 2001): 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. long.

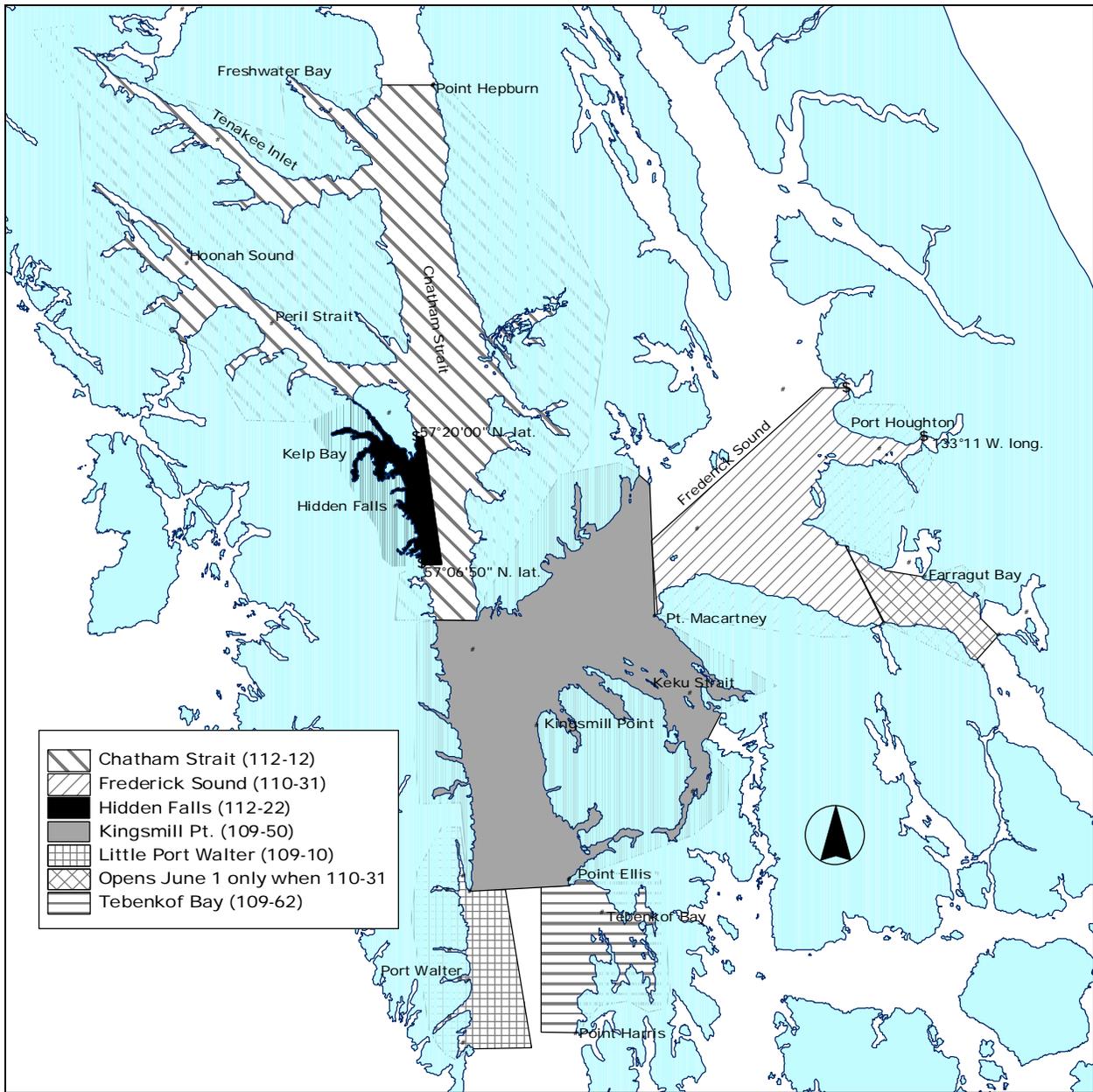


Figure 4. Chatham Strait, Hidden Falls, Little Port Walter, Kingsmill Pt., Frederick Sound, and Tebenkof Bay spring fishing areas, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

North Chatham Strait and Icy Strait Areas (Figure 5).

Cross Sound Pink and Chum fishing area (fishery area 114-21) (same area as 2000): In the waters of Section 14A west of the longitude of Point Dundas (136°16'45" W. long.), south of the latitude of Point Dundas (58°19'00" N. lat.), and east of the longitude of the southern tip of Taylor Island (136°29'01" W. long.) to 58°10' N. lat., then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Homeshore (fishery area 114-25) (same area as 2000): In waters of District 114, only in waters of Icy Strait bounded by a line from a point of land on the mainland at 58°24'26" N. lat., 135°34'35" W. long., to Noon Point (58°20'30" N. lat., 135°32'00" W. long.) on Pleasant Island, to the southern tip of the largest island of the Porpoise Islands at 58°19'00" N. lat., 135°27'11" W. long., to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10'54" N. lat., 135°15'35" W. long., to the eastern bank of the outlet of the stream on the mainland at 58°13'56"N. lat., 135°16'13" W. long.

Lisianski Inlet (fishery area 113-95) (same area as 2000): In Section 13A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a line from Soapstone Point (58°06'22" N. lat., 136°29'50" W. long.), to Column Point (58°07'15" N. lat., 136°26'50" W. long.), and east of the longitude of the navigational marker at Rock Point at approximately 58°00'10" N. lat., 136°21'09" W. long.

Point Sophia (fishery area 114-27) (same area as 2000): In Sections 14B, 14C, and 12A, in waters of Icy Strait and Chatham Strait bounded by a line from Point Adolphus (58°17'15" N. lat., 135°47'00" W. long.) to a point one-mile due north of Point Adolphus to the southern tip of the southernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10'15" N. lat., 135°15'28" W. long. to the southernmost tip of Hawk Point (at the entrance to Hawk Inlet), and north of the latitude of Point Hepburn (58°56'25" N. lat.), including waters of Port Frederick and Hawk Inlet.

South Passage (fishery area 114-23) (same area as 2000): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line from the prominent point on northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13'26" N. lat., 136°16'45" W. long. 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°17'15" N. lat., 135°47'00" W. long.

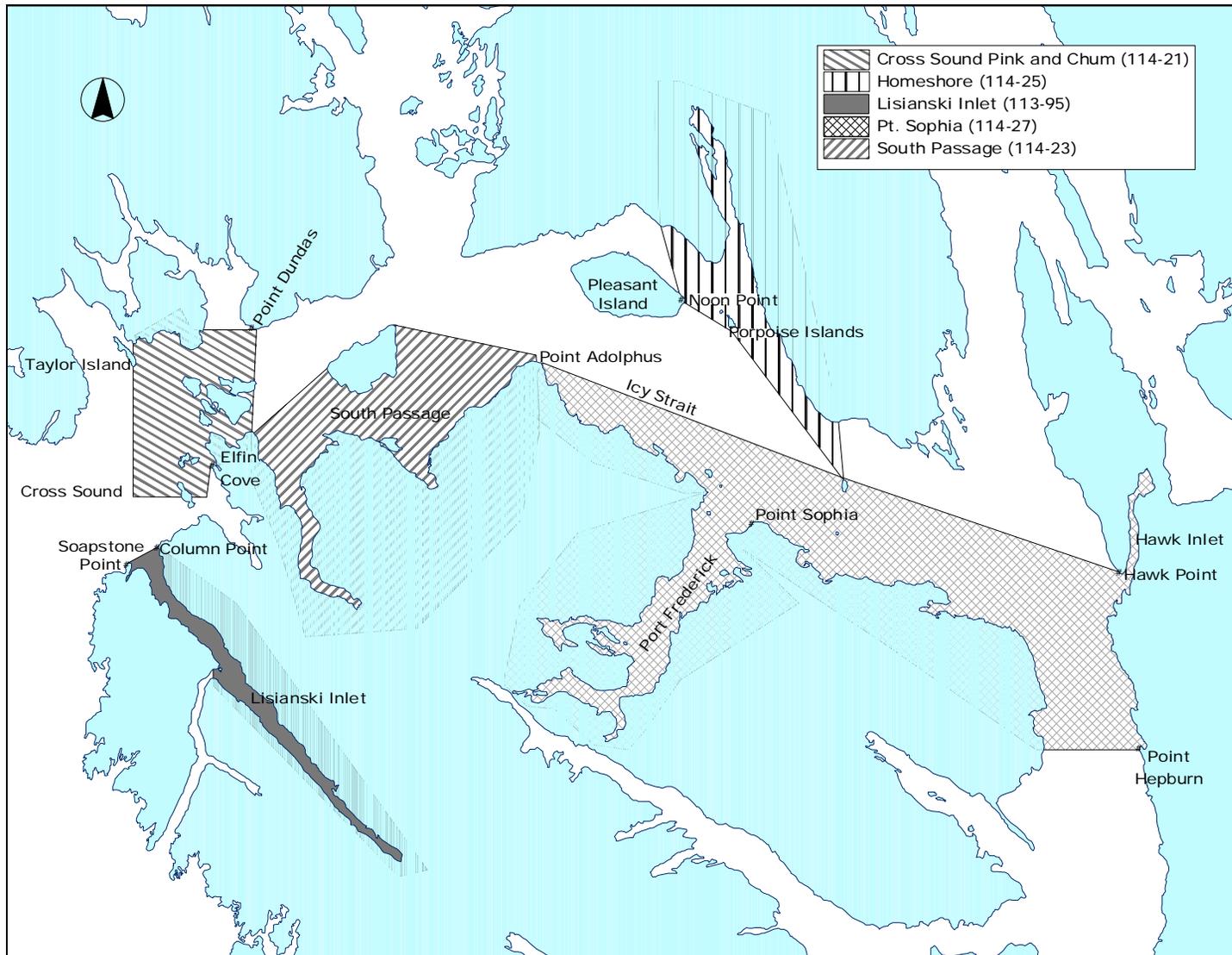


Figure 5. Lisianski Inlet, Cross Sound, South Passage, Point Sophia, and Homeshore spring trolling areas, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

Sitka Areas (Figure 6).

Eastern Channel (fishery area 113-35) (same area as 2000): In Sitka Sound, only those waters of Eastern Channel west of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01'35" N. lat., 135°14'35" W. long., to Silver Point at 57°00'49" N. lat., 135°18'06" W. long., and north and east of a line from Cape Burunof (56°59'00" N. lat., 135°23'00" W. long.) to Kulichkof Rock (56°59'30" N. lat., 135°26'30" W. long.) to the southern tip of Makhnati Island and south of the John O'Connell bridge. The Bear Cove SHA will be open when the Eastern Channel experimental area is open.

Inner Silver Bay (fishery area 113-37) (same area as 2000): The waters of Silver Bay and Eastern Channel east of a line from Entry Point Light to Silver Point at 57°00' 49" N. lat., 135°18' 06" W. long.

Middle Island (fishery area 113-41) (modified in 2001): In Sitka Sound, only those waters north and east of a line from Signal Island light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05' N. lat., 135°35' W. long. and waters of Krestof Sound and Neva Strait south of 57°15' N. lat. Waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound and Katlian Bay will be open.

Salisbury Sound (fishery area 113-62) (modified in 2001): Waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30'30" N. lat., waters of Salisbury Sound east of Scraggy Point at 135°43'41" W. long., and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15' N. lat.

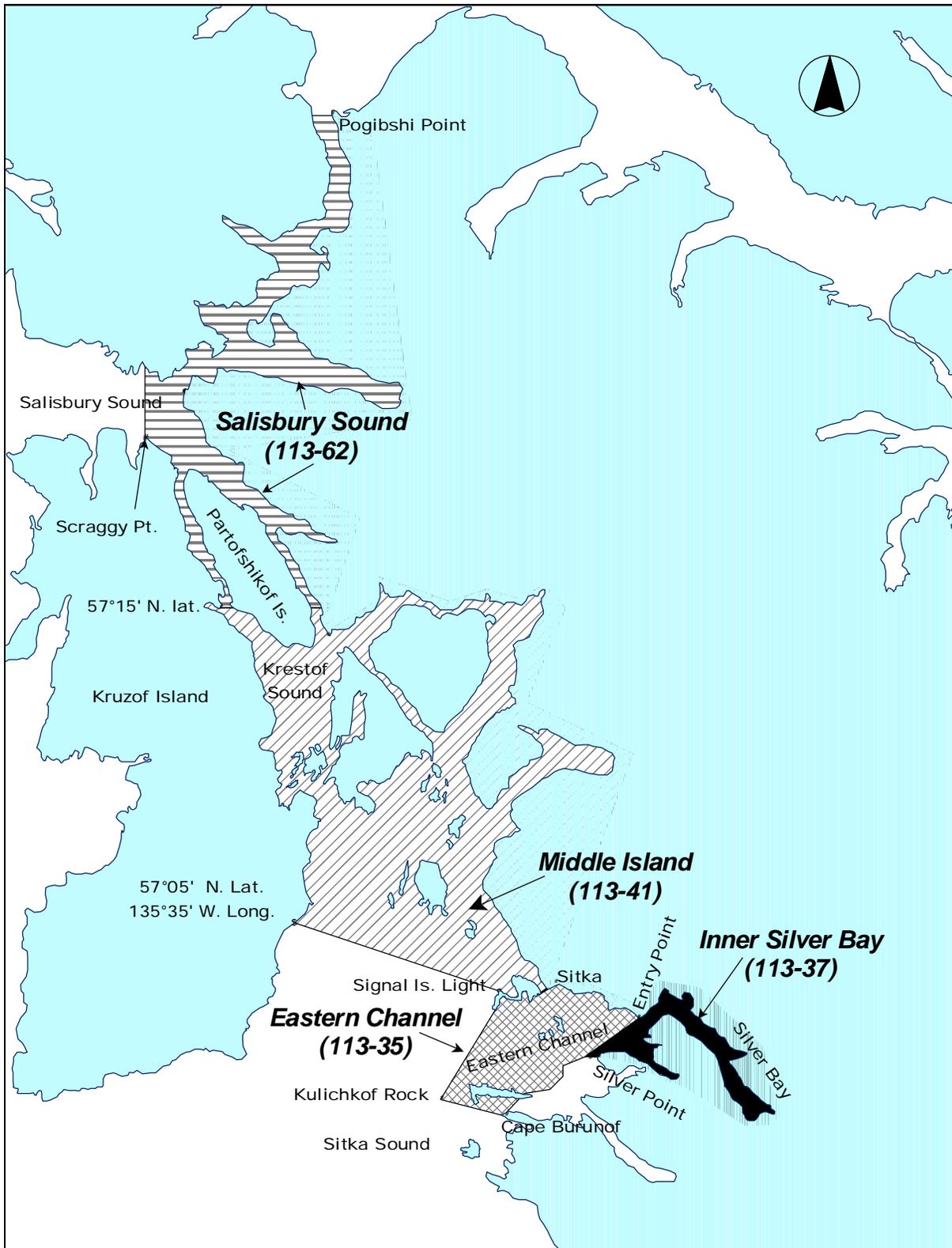


Figure 6. Salisbury Sound, Middle Island Eastern Channel, and Inner Silver Bay fisheries, 2001. (Note: Approximate boundaries only. See worded descriptions for legal boundaries of areas.)

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