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INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the management plan the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) will follow to manage the 2002 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.

CHANGES IN THE 2002 SPRING TROLL FISHERIES

The department is opening seven new areas for 2002, including three areas near Sitka (Western Channel, Biorka Island, and Redoubt Bay), two areas near Pelican (Stag Bay and Port Althorp), one area near Wrangell in Stikine Strait (Craig Point) and one area near Ketchikan (Felice Strait). In addition to the new areas, there have been line changes that expanded the Chatham Strait, Homeshore, West Rock, and Mountain Point areas and reduced the size of the Tebenkof Bay area. The Hidden Falls terminal area has been reduced in accordance with 5 AAC 33.374(a). Descriptions and maps of the areas can be found on pages 21–30.

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 or have had a high percentage of Alaska hatchery fish historically. Nine areas will be opened on April 15 and will remain open until further notice, including the following three areas that are new to this type of management: Eastern Channel, Middle Island, and Gravina Island. A schedule of initial opening dates can be found on page seven of this document.

Three areas that were open in 2001 are being eliminated for 2002. These areas have had either a low Alaska hatchery contribution, very low effort, or both over the past few years. The three areas that are being eliminated are Point Alava, Babbler Point, and Ernest Sound. The Ernest Sound area will likely be re-opened in 2004 to harvest enhanced 3-ocean chinook salmon returning to the SSRAA facility in Anita Bay.

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 catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed.

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 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 Alaska 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 spring 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 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].

Nine 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 catch approaches the treaty fish limit. These fisheries are Point Sophia, Chatham Strait, Frederick Sound, Kingsmill Point, Inner Silver Bay, Eastern Channel, Middle Island, Gravina Island, and Mountain Point.

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. The following areas have had consistently low Alaska hatchery percentages and will be closely monitored in 2002: West Rock (101-21), Ship Island Shore (102-80), Snow Passage (106-41), and South Passage (114-23). 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. This is particularly important in Wrangell and for Snow Pass catch. 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, Stag Bay, Port Althorp, Craig Point, 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 salmon 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 5,000 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 500 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 10) through June 28 [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.

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.

2001 SPRING FISHERY SUMMARY

A total of 438 vessels participated in the 2001 spring fisheries, and harvested 35,300 chinook (Table 1), 2,500 sockeye, 4,600 coho, 7,600 pink, and 263,000 chum salmon. The highest catches were in the Hidden Falls, Eastern Channel, Middle Island, Chatham Strait, and Mountain Point areas. In the Cross Sound pink and chum spring fishery area 6,836 pink, 14,276 chum, and 617 chinook salmon were harvested.

2002 ALASKA HATCHERY CHINOOK RETURN FORECAST

Hatchery facility managers are predicting total returns of over 119,000 chinook salmon for 2002, as compared to estimated 2001 returns of 157,443 fish (Table 2). The largest returns for 2002 are expected to Medveje Creek (35,000 fish) and Hidden Falls (18,500 fish).

2002 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 1–6). 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.cf1.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>.

Week of:	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 13
Spring Area:	*Chatham Strait *Eastern Channel *Frederick Sound ^a *Gravina Island Homeshore *Inner Silver Bay *Kingsmill Point *Middle Island *Mountain Point *Point Sophia Salisbury Sound Tebenkof Bay	Biorka Island Redoubt Bay Sumner Strait Western Channel	Baht Harbor Craig Point Felice Strait Little Port Walter Ship Island Shore Snow Passage Steamer Point West Behm Canal West Rock	Lisianski Inlet Port Althorp South Passage Stag Bay

^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 Vandeput 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 15 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 500 chinook salmon has been harvested (5 AAC 33.381(b)(4)).

CLOSED WATERS

Trollers are reminded that a description of closed waters is listed under 5 AAC 29.150. In addition, 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 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 2002 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 2001 – 2002 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 18–November 18 [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)). When the troll lingcod quota is reached for each management area, trollers will be required to release lingcod back into the water. Inseason closures may occur on short notice and will be announced by news release. Lingcod must be delivered head-on, with the external gender indicators intact until further notice (5 AAC 28.173(g)).

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)). This area is commonly referred to as “the pinnacles.” Trollers fishing in this area may not have groundfish or halibut onboard.

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. There are no bycatch limits, except for DSR, as described below.
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 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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Petersburg Recorded Information Line	(907) 772-3700
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 2001 spring 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.

DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK	AK HATCHERY %
101	10	Nakat Inlet Term. Troll	1-Jun	2-Jun	-	-	-
			3-Jun	9-Jun	-	-	-
			10-Jun	16-Jun	-	-	-
			17-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	-
			24-Jun	30-Jun	-	-	-
Nakat Inlet Term. Troll TOTAL							
101	21	West Rock Exp Troll	25-Jun	27-Jun	-	-	confidential
West Rock Exp Troll TOTAL							
101	29	Gravina Is. Ex. Troll	14-May	16-May	-	-	confidential
			21-May	25-May	5	46	84%
			28-May	2-Jun	9	253	8%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	13	399	36%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	11	294	0%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	15	894	17%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	5	120	100%
Gravina Is. Ex. Troll TOTAL					59	2,015	37%
101	45	Mountain Point Ex. Troll	30-Apr	5-May	4	16	0%
			6-May	12-May	-	-	confidential
			13-May	19-May	4	17	55%
			20-May	26-May	6	77	68%
			27-May	2-Jun	6	43	100%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	8	235	60%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	22	1,039	73%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	17	1,209	32%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	9	248	71%
			7-Jul	7-Jul	-	-	confidential
			8-Jul	15-Jul	7	238	61%
Mountain Point Ex. Troll TOTAL					86	3,155	55%
101	53	Pt. Alava Shore Ex. Troll	21-May	22-May	-	-	-
			29-May	30-May	-	-	-
			4-Jun	6-Jun	-	-	-
			10-Jun	13-Jun	-	-	-
			18-Jun	20-Jun	-	-	-
			25-Jun	27-Jun	-	-	-
Pt. Alava Shore Ex. Troll TOTAL							

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK AK	HATCHERY %
101	90	West Behm Canal Ex. Troll	4-Jun	6-Jun	-	-	confidential
			10-Jun	13-Jun	-	-	confidential
			18-Jun	20-Jun	-	-	confidential
			22-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	confidential
			24-Jun	30-Jun	-	-	confidential
		West Behm Canal Ex. Troll TOTAL			5	117	100%
101	95	Neets Bay Terminal Troll	1-May	5-May	-	-	-
			6-May	12-May	-	-	-
			13-May	19-May	-	-	-
			20-May	26-May	-	-	confidential
			27-May	2-Jun	-	-	confidential
			3-Jun	9-Jun	-	-	-
			10-Jun	16-Jun	-	-	-
			17-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	-
			24-Jun	30-Jun	-	-	-
		Neets Bay Terminal Troll TOTAL					
102	80	Ship Is. Shore Ex. Troll	29-May	31-May	-	-	confidential
		Ship Is. Shore Ex. Troll TOTAL					
105	41	Sumner St. Exp. Troll	30-Apr	1-May	6	40	100%
			7-May	10-May	7	54	22%
			14-May	16-May	7	78	2%
			21-May	25-May	8	136	Not Sampled
			28-May	29-May	9	48	44%
			4-Jun	6-Jun	9	118	27%
			10-Jun	14-Jun	4	68	Not Sampled
			18-Jun	23-Jun	3	73	Not Sampled
			24-Jun	30-Jun	5	29	Not Sampled
		Sumner St. Exp. Troll TOTAL			58	644	37%
106	30	Steamer Point Ex. Troll	14-May	16-May	-	-	confidential
			21-May	23-May	-	-	confidential
			10-Jun	13-Jun	4	60	0%
			18-Jun	20-Jun	5	119	46%
			22-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	confidential
			24-Jun	30-Jun	4	95	34%
		Steamer Point Ex. Troll TOTAL			17	370	38%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK	AK HATCHERY %
106	41	Snow Passage Exp. Troll	21-May	23-May	-	-	confidential
			18-Jun	20-Jun	3	24	0%
Snow Passage Exp. Troll TOTAL							
106	44	Wrangell Narrows Term.	1-Jun	2-Jun	14	156	100%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	30	521	100%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	23	387	100%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	20	667	100%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	14	217	100%
Wrangell Narrows Term. TOTAL					101	1,948	100%
107	10	Ernest Sound Ex. Troll	14-May	15-May	-	-	-
			21-May	22-May	-	-	-
			28-May	30-May	-	--	-
			4-Jun	6-Jun	-	-	-
			10-Jun	13-Jun	-	-	-
			18-Jun	20-Jun	-	-	-
			25-Jun	27-Jun	-	-	-
Ernest Sound Ex. Troll TOTAL							
107	45	Earl West Cove Term. T.	15-Jun	16-Jun	-	-	confidential
			17-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	confidential
			24-Jun	30-Jun	-	-	-
Earl West Cove Term. Troll TOTAL							
107	47	Babbler Pt. Exp. Troll	14-May	15-May	6	82	0%
			21-May	23-May	6	56	0%
			29-May	30-May	-	-	confidential
			4-Jun	5-Jun	4	67	33%
			10-Jun	13-Jun	-	-	confidential
Babbler Pt. Exp. Troll TOTAL					20	234	9%
108	30	Baht Harbor Exp. Troll	21-May	22-May	5	50	97%
			28-May	2-Jun	5	162	54%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	5	121	16%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	5	144	73%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	4	94	78%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	3	14	0%
Baht Harbor Exp. Troll TOTAL					27	585	59%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK AK	HATCHERY %
109	10	Little Port Walter Ex. T.	17-May	18-May	-	-	confidential
			24-May	25-May	-	-	confidential
			31-May	1-Jun	-	-	confidential
			7-Jun	8-Jun	3	15	0%
			14-Jun	15-Jun	-	-	confidential
			20-Jun	23-Jun	4	72	58%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	-	-	confidential
		Little Port Walter Ex. T. TOTAL			15	164	51%
109	51	Kingsmill Point Ex. Troll	30-Apr	5-May	6	54	57%
			6-May	12-May	6	101	0%
			13-May	19-May	4	111	15%
			20-May	26-May	12	276	11%
			27-May	2-Jun	10	150	51%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	11	306	76%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	16	412	49%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	10	216	25%
		Kingsmill Point Ex. Troll TOTAL			75	1,626	42%
109	62	Tebenkof Bay Exp. Troll	30-Apr	1-May	3	69	3%
			14-May	16-May	8	147	40%
			21-May	23-May	4	139	32%
			28-May	30-May	12	312	24%
			4-Jun	6-Jun	13	232	5%
			10-Jun	13-Jun	11	340	4%
			18-Jun	20-Jun	8	113	20%
		Tebenkof Bay Exp. Troll TOTAL			59	1,352	17%
110	31	Frederick Sound Exp. Troll	16-Apr	21-Apr	3	21	0%
			22-Apr	28-Apr	3	33	100%
			29-Apr	5-May	-	-	confidential
			6-May	12-May	4	22	0%
			13-May	19-May	6	49	33%
			20-May	26-May	4	19	0%
			27-May	2-Jun	-	-	confidential
			3-Jun	9-Jun	6	118	17%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	8	154	21%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	12	158	31%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	3	53	56%
		Frederick Sound Exp. Troll TOTAL			53	642	31%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK	AK HATCHERY %
112	12	Chatham Strait Ex. Troll	29-Apr	5-May	-	-	confidential
			13-May	19-May	-	-	confidential
			20-May	26-May	-	-	confidential
			27-May	2-Jun	4	79	0%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	15	751	68%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	22	944	55%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	53	1,072	83%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	28	582	88%
		Chatham Strait Ex. Troll TOTAL			126	3,456	66%
112	22	Hidden Falls Term. Troll	16-Apr	21-Apr	-	-	-
			22-Apr	28-Apr	-	-	-
			29-Apr	5-May	-	-	-
			6-May	12-May	-	-	confidential
			13-May	19-May	-	-	-
			20-May	26-May	-	-	confidential
			27-May	2-Jun	9	272	100%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	28	1,094	100%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	39	1,395	100%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	32	679	100%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	17	190	100%
		Hidden Falls Term. Troll TOTAL			127	3,642	100%
113	35	Eastern Channel Ex. Troll	30-Apr	1-May	5	13	0%
			7-May	8-May	10	53	92%
			9-May	12-May	25	188	65%
			13-May	18-May	27	294	37%
			21-May	26-May	39	299	74%
			27-May	2-Jun	22	219	100%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	45	624	100%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	47	1,109	100%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	55	1,690	83%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	30	185	0%
		Eastern Channel Ex. Troll TOTAL			305	4,674	86%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK AK	HATCHERY %
113	37	Inner Silver Bay Ex Troll	16-Apr	21-Apr	-	-	confidential
			29-Apr	5-May	-	-	confidential
			6-May	12-May	-	-	confidential
			13-May	19-May	10	47	100%
			20-May	26-May	9	81	100%
			27-May	2-Jun	6	48	100%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	7	67	48%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	10	203	100%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	7	140	74%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	5	110	100%
			1-Jul	7-Jul	-	-	confidential
			8-Jul	14-Jul	-	-	confidential
		Inner Silver Bay Ex Troll TOTAL			61	730	93%
113	41	Middle Island Exp. Troll	23-Apr	24-Apr	-	-	confidential
			30-Apr	1-May	-	-	confidential
			14-May	16-May	19	319	23%
			21-May	23-May	19	225	66%
			28-May	2-Jun	24	241	1%
			3-Jun	8-Jun	12	66	57%
			11-Jun	15-Jun	-	-	confidential
			18-Jun	21-Jun	-	-	confidential
			22-Jun	23-Jun	-	-	confidential
			24-Jun	30-Jun	39	1,259	17%
		Middle Island Exp. Troll TOTAL			120	2,135	30%
113	62	Salisbury Sound Ex. Troll	14-May	15-May	5	43	0%
			21-May	22-May	9	79	33%
			29-May	30-May	4	50	43%
			4-Jun	7-Jun	-	-	confidential
			10-Jun	13-Jun	-	-	confidential
			18-Jun	19-Jun	6	94	
			20-Jun	23-Jun	8	268	59%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	11	154	23%
		Salisbury Sound Ex. Troll TOTAL			45	701	33%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK AK	HATCHERY %
113	95	Lisianski Inlet Exp Troll	14-May	15-May	-	-	confidential
			21-May	23-May	13	240	33%
			28-May	31-May	19	384	34%
			4-Jun	7-Jun	14	274	60%
			10-Jun	14-Jun	11	504	29%
			18-Jun	23-Jun	18	635	37%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	15	287	26%
		Lisianski Inlet Exp Troll TOTAL			92	2,410	35%
114	21	Cross Sound Ex. Troll	11-Jun	15-Jun	9	214	24%
			18-Jun	22-Jun	21	303	49%
			25-Jun	29-Jun	20	100	0%
		Cross Sound Ex. Troll TOTAL			50	617	39%
114	23	South Passage Exp. Troll	30-Apr	1-May	-	-	confidential
			14-May	15-May	-	-	confidential
			28-May	29-May	-	-	confidential
			11-Jun	12-Jun	-	-	confidential
			18-Jun	19-Jun	-	-	confidential
		South Passage Exp. Troll TOTAL			6	49	7%
114	25	Homeshore Exp. Troll	30-Apr	1-May	8	49	15%
			7-May	8-May	-	-	confidential
			14-May	15-May	19	290	14%
			21-May	22-May	6	29	69%
			28-May	30-May	10	124	21%
			4-Jun	6-Jun	21	447	33%
			10-Jun	13-Jun	22	459	52%
			18-Jun	21-Jun	10	106	40%
			25-Jun	26-Jun	-	-	confidential
		Homeshore Exp. Troll TOTAL			99	1,520	34%

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DIST	SUB	FISHERY NAME	OPEN	CLOSE	PERMITS	CHINOOK AK	HATCHERY %
114	27	Pt. Sophia Exp. Troll	16-Apr	21-Apr	3	5	0%
			22-Apr	28-Apr	5	9	0%
			29-Apr	5-May	7	23	0%
			6-May	12-May	7	16	0%
			13-May	19-May	8	24	90%
			20-May	26-May	16	96	23%
			27-May	2-Jun	11	42	53%
			3-Jun	9-Jun	8	160	39%
			10-Jun	16-Jun	13	203	73%
			17-Jun	23-Jun	20	296	80%
			24-Jun	30-Jun	14	67	77%
Pt. Sophia Exp. Troll TOTAL					112	941	64%
SPRING SUBTOTAL						28,192	50%
SPRING TERMINAL SUBTOTAL						7,081	98%
GRAND TOTAL						35,273	60%

Table 2. Projected and actual 2001 and projected 2002 hatchery chinook and Neck Lake coho returns^a.

Release Site	2001 Total Return Projection	2001 Total Actual Return	2001 Actual Terminal Area Return	2002 Total Return Projection	2002 Terminal Area Return Projection
KETCHIKAN AREA					
Whitman Lake	15,000	20,042	10,031	15,000	7,500
Neets Bay	4,700	12,845	9,771	8,000	4,000
Deer Mountain	700	1,498	913	722	438
Tamgas Creek	25,000	21,553	16,000	14,000	11,200
Total Ketchikan	45,400	55,938	36,715	37,722	23,138
CHATHAM STRAIT					
Little Port Walter	2,500	2,440	1,247	1,600	800
Hidden Falls	36,000	37,078	33,800	18,500	6,600
Total Chatham	38,500	39,518	35,047	20,100	7,400
JUNEAU AREA					
Gastineau Channel	2,000	1,538	643	2,810	1,289
Auke Creek	2,800	4,065	1,658	3,505	1,183
Fish Creek	2,700	2,133	441	1,900	236
Total Juneau	7,500	7,750	2,742	8,215	2,708
WRANGELL/PETERSBURG					
Earl West Cove	10,000	11,424	7,855	7,500	6,375
Crystal Lake	7,800	11,057	8,475	10,865	4,999
Wrangell/Petersburg Total	17,800	22,481	16,330	18,365	11,374
SITKA AREA					
Medvejie Creek	52,800	31,756	28,000	35,000	23,200
SE AK Chinook Hatchery Totals					
	162,000	157,443	118,834	119,402	67,820
Neck Lake (Coho)^a					
	75,000	76,918	43,398	75,000	30,000

^a Early summer coho salmon returns to the 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)).

2002 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 Caamano Point (55°30' N. lat., 131°58' W. long.); 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.

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45) (modified in 2002): 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. lat., 131°35.25' W. long.; in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23' N. lat. including waters of Carroll Inlet, and north of a line from 55°13.60' N. lat., 131°17.30' W. long. (approximately 1 mile south of Cone Point) to Harbor Point (55°13' N. lat., 131°25' W. long.). Waters within 3,000 feet of (Annette Island Reserve) are closed.

Felice Strait (Fishery Area 101-23 (new for 2002)): In Section 1A, waters of Felice Strait east of the longitude of Survey Point, south of the latitude of Giant Point on Mary Island and east of a line from the northwesternmost tip of Dog Island to Edge Point on Mary Island. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island (Annette Island Reserve) are closed.

West Rock (Fishery Area 101-21) (modified in 2002): In the waters of Section 1-F south of the latitude of 54°55', north of the latitude of Barren Island (54°44.75') and north and west of a line from Barren Island to Yellow Rocks to a point 1 mile off Duke Point at the latitude of Duke Point (approximately 54°55.30' N. lat., 131°10' W. long.)

Ship Island Shore (Fishery area 102-80): 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.

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): 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. lat. and north of the latitude of Indian Point 55°36.80' N. lat. and including 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 catch from this area should be reported as Neets Bay Terminal Area (101-95).

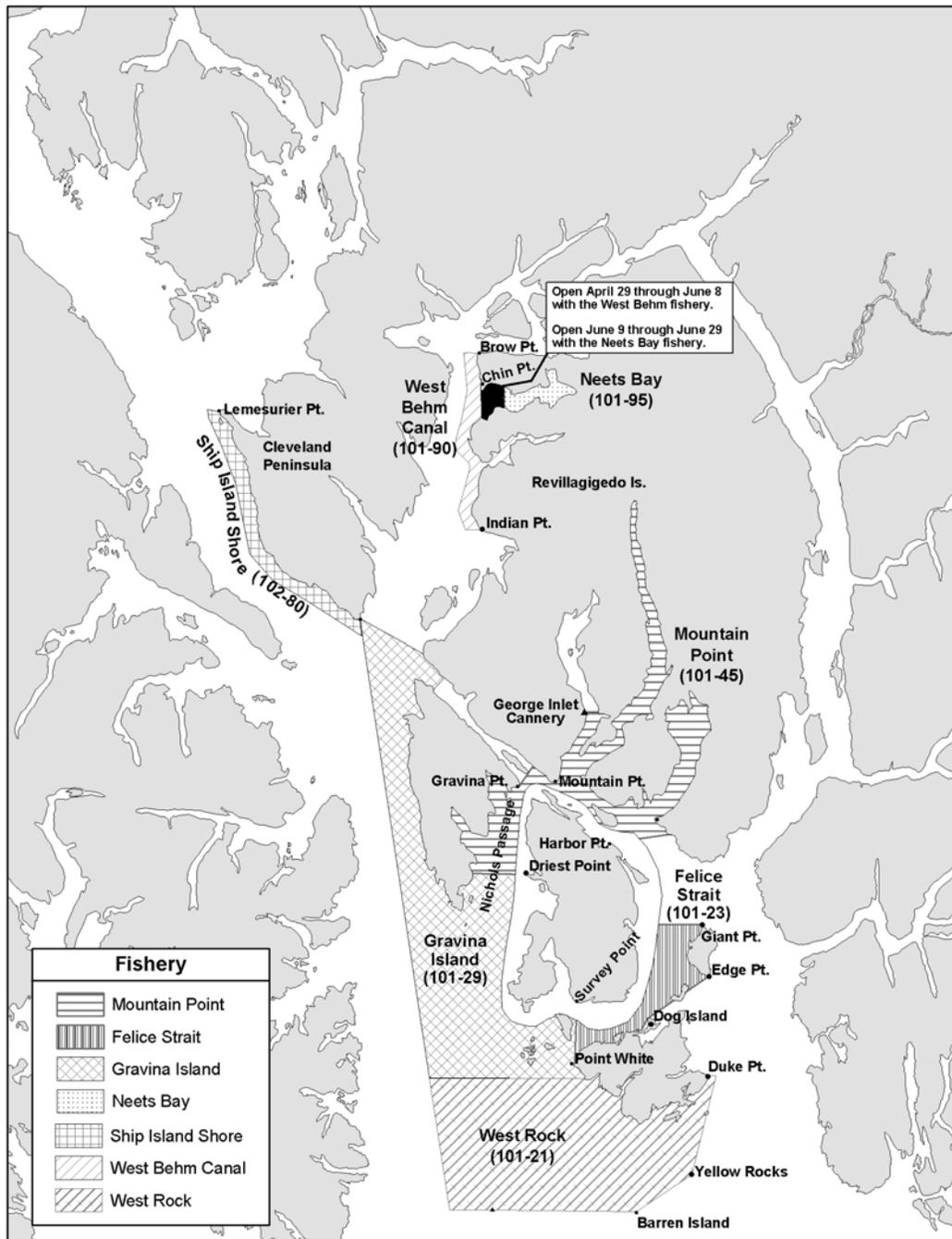


Figure 1. Ketchikan area spring trolling areas, 2002.

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.

Craig Point (Fishery area 108-40) (new for 2002): Waters of Sumner and Stikine Strait south and east of a line from Craig Point Light to Neal Point Light to Wedge Point to Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. lat., 132°32' W. long. and north of 56°20.10' N. lat.

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

Snow Passage (Fishery area 106-41): Waters of Section 6B west of a line from Point Nesbitt (56°14' N. lat., 132°52' 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°12.92' N. lat., 133°03.48' 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): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6C, 6D, and 8B south of 56°20.10' N. lat. and 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. lat. (Martinsen's Dock), west of a line between Blind Point (56°39'00" 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.

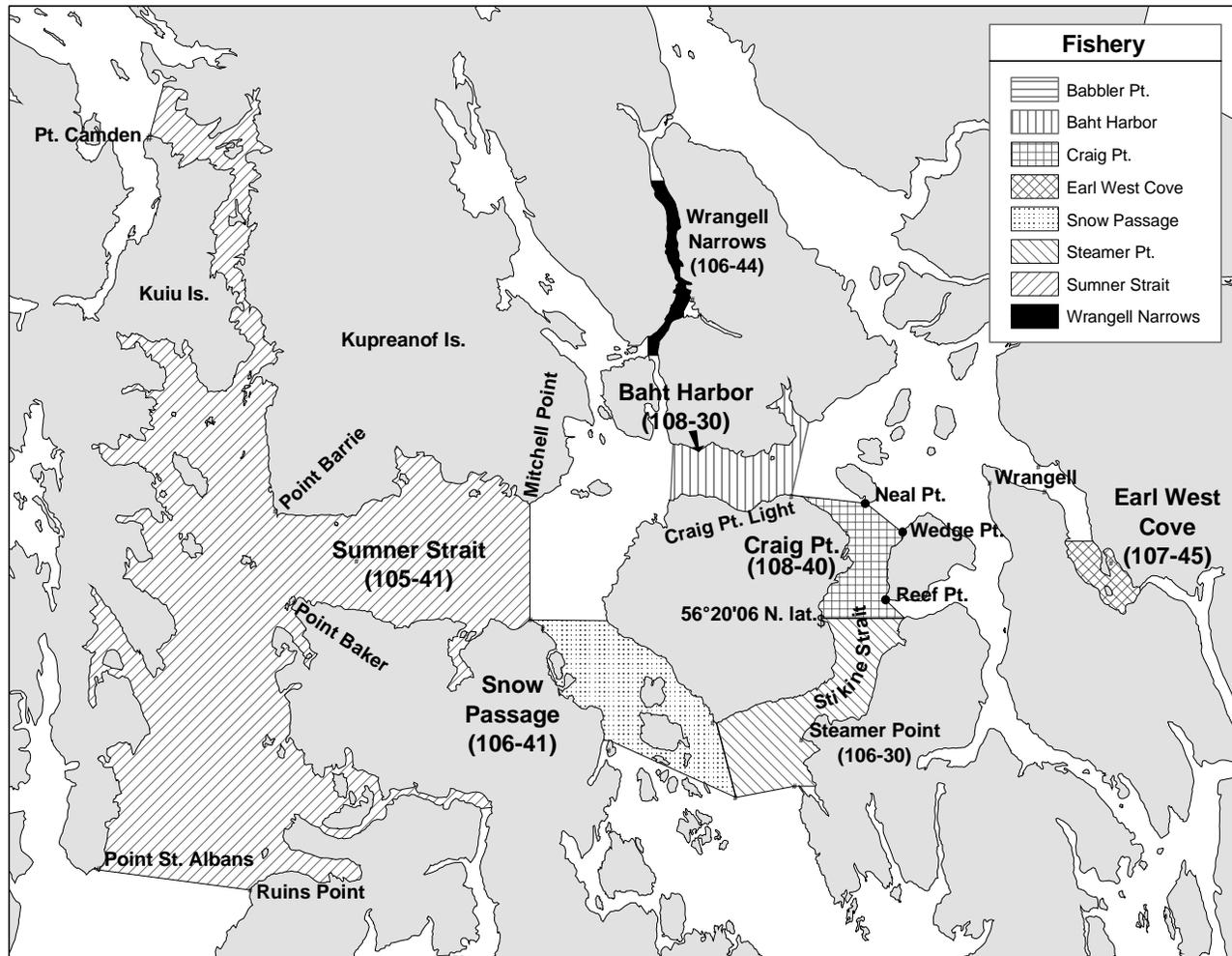


Figure 2. Wrangell and Prince of Wales spring trolling areas, 2002.

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas (Figure 3).

Chatham Strait (Fishery area 112-12) (modified for 2002): 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) (modified for 2002): 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. lat. (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. lat., 134°03.35' W. long.; south and east of a line from 57°06' N. lat., 134°03.35' 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°25.32' N. lat., 133°25.63' W. long.; 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. 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°59.75' 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.

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. 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 for 2002): In waters of Tebenkof Bay in Section 9B south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33.67' N. lat.) and north of the latitude of Point Cosmos (56°20.92' N. lat.) and east of 134°24' W. long.

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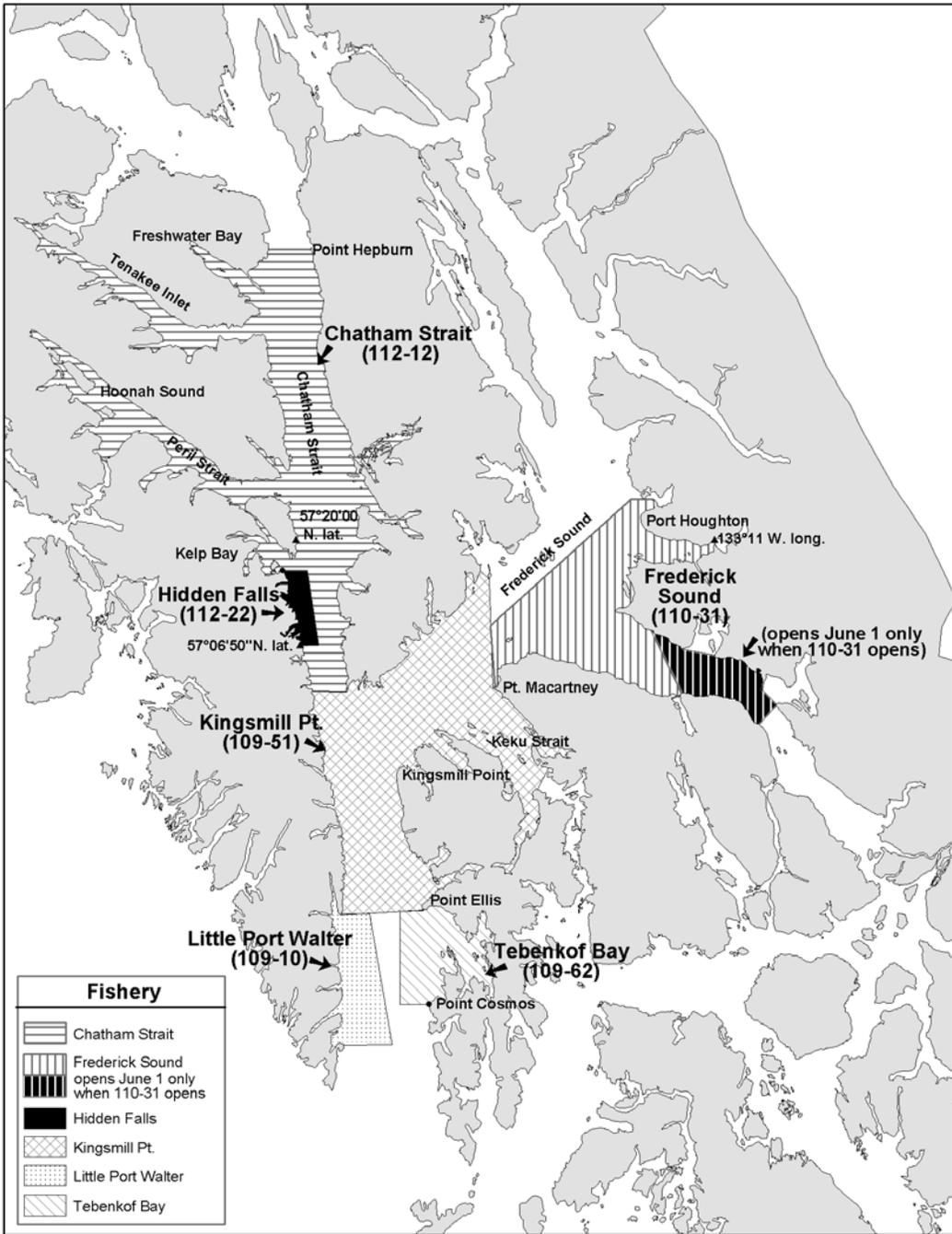


Figure 3. Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound spring troling areas, 2002.

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

Cross Sound Pink and Chum fishing area (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. lat., then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25) (modified for 2002): 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°9.6' W. long. 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. lat., 135°15.58' W. long. to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Pt. Adolphus (Pt. Sophia area northern boundary).

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95): In Section 13A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a line from Soapstone Point (58°06.36' N. lat., 136°29.97' 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. lat., 136°21.15' W. long.

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97) (new for 2002): In waters of Lisianski Strait north of the latitude of Point Theodore and south and west of the navigational marker at Rock Point at approximately 136°21.15' W. long., including the waters of Stag Bay.

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50) (new for 2002): In waters of Section 14A bounded by a line from Column Point to Soapstone Point, then from Soapstone Point to the longitude of the southern tip of Taylor Island at 58°10' N. lat. then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Point Sophia (Fishery area 114-27) (northern line change for 2002): 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. lat., 135°15.58' W. long. 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. lat., 136°16.75' 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°17.25' N. lat., 135°47' W. long.

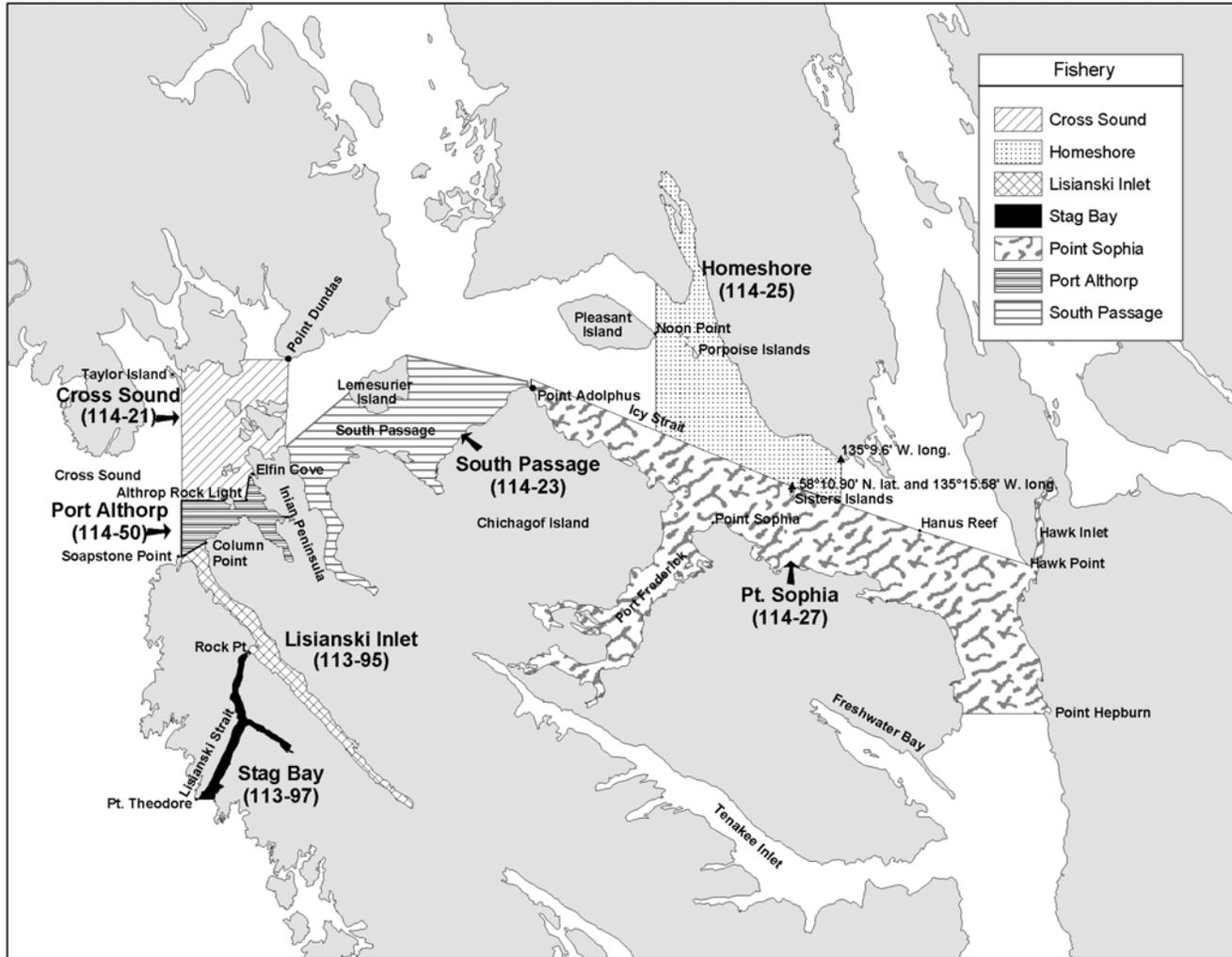


Figure 4. North Chatham and Icy Strait spring trolling areas, 2002.

Sitka Areas (Figure 5).

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01) (new for 2002): In waters of Sitka Sound north and east 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. lat., 135°36' W. long., south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05' N. lat., 135°35' W. long. through Signal Island Light to Kirushkin Island and west of a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt (Fishery area 113-30) (new for 2002): In waters of Sitka Sound south 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.) and east and north of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.42' N. lat., 135°23.17' W. long.

Biorka (Fishery area 113-31) (new for 2002): In waters of Sitka Sound south and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Biorka Island to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island, north and west of a line from the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.42' N. lat., 135°23.17' W. long. to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Legma Island, and north and east of a line from the southernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Liesnoi Island to Point Woodhouse.

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. lat., 135°14.58' W. long., to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N. lat., 135°18.10' W. long., 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.

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. lat., 135°18.10' W. long. The Bear Cove SHA will be open when the Inner Silver Bay spring area is open.

Middle Island (Fishery area 113-41): 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. latitude. Waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound and Katlian Bay will be open.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): Waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.5' N. lat., waters of Salisbury Sound east of Scraggy Point at 135°43.68' W. long., and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15' N. lat.

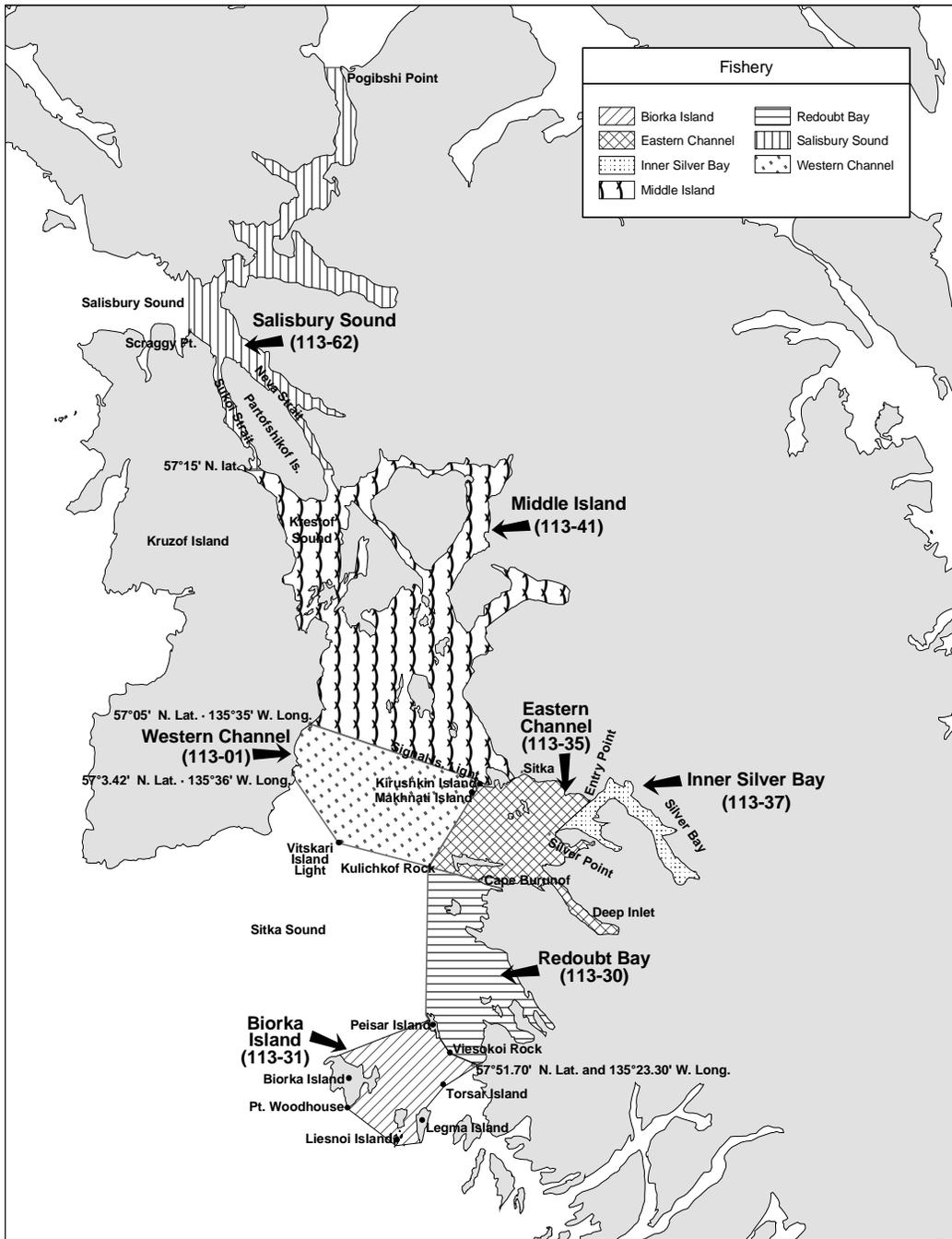


Figure 5. Sitka area spring trolling areas, 2002.

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