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INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the management plan the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) will follow to manage the 2003 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 2003 SPRING TROLL FISHERIES

The department is opening two new areas for 2003, Shelikof Bay, which is located on the outer coastline of Kruzof Island and Western Clarence Strait. The Shelikof Bay area was included to attempt to increase the catch of returning Medvejie Hatchery king salmon. The new area will be under very conservative management within initial openings of one or two-days duration. Six areas will be eliminated this year due to low Alaska hatchery contributions: West Rock (101-21), Felice Strait (101-23), Ship Island (102-80), Snow Passage (106-41), Craig Point (108-40), and Redoubt Bay (113-30). It is likely that Craig Point will re-open in 2004 to target fish returning to the SSRAA facility at Anita Bay.

Ten areas including Mountain Point, Gravina Island, Frederick Sound, Kingsmill Point, Chatham Strait, Homeshore, Point Sophia, Eastern Channel, Inner Silver Bay, and Middle Island will open on April 20 and will remain open until further notice. These areas have historically had Alaska hatchery contributions that were above 20% and have consistently been well under Treaty chinook salmon harvest cap limits established by the Board of Fisheries in the spring troll Management Plan [5 AAC 29.090]. However, catches in these areas will continue to be monitored for Alaska hatchery contribution on a regular basis and could be closed if the contributions are below 20% or if the Treaty king salmon cap has been reached. Descriptions and maps of all of the areas can be found on pages 24–33.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries, during its February 2003 meeting, changed regulations limiting the number of treaty fish that can be harvested at various levels of contribution of Alaska hatchery chinook (5 AAC 29.090(D)). The caps were increased from 2,000 to 3,000 treaty fish at 33 to 49% Alaska hatchery contribution and from 3,000 to 5,000 treaty fish at 50 to 65% Alaska hatchery king salmon. However, the new guidelines have not yet been officially codified in regulation, so the existing guidelines will remain in effect until the new guidelines are codified. The spring fisheries will be managed accordingly. A table of treaty caps can be found in this plan under “MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND METHODS.”

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 king 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 king salmon, but treaty king 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 |
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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 king salmon. 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.

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).

Ten 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, Homeshore, 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 six areas have had either low Alaska hatchery contributions or low effort or both and will be not be open in 2003: West Rock (101-21), Felice Strait (101-23), Ship Island Shore (102-80), Snow Passage (106-41), Craig Point (108-40), and Redoubt Bay (113-30). 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, Port Althorp, South Passage, Sumner 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. King salmon caught in most 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 king salmon 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 9) through June 28 (5 AAC 29.090 (f)). There is a cap of 500 king salmon for this fishery because it is not intended as a king 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.

Also, the heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold. (5 AAC 29.140(b)). Occasionally, during past spring fisheries, heads from FAS vessels have 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 king 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.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries approved new landing requirements for FAS vessels during its February, 2003 meeting. However, those new regulations may not be codified in regulation and in effect until late May or June. When the new regulations are implemented, the department will issue a news release at that time that will fully explain the new requirements.

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.

2002 SPRING FISHERY SUMMARY

A total of 434 vessels participated in the 2002 spring fisheries, and harvested 43,650 king (Table 1), 198 sockeye, 1,476 coho, 3,152 pink, and 7,495 chum salmon. The highest king salmon catches were in the Eastern Channel, Hidden Falls, Western Channel, Gravina Island, Inner Silver Bay, and Kingsmill Point areas. In the Cross Sound pink and chum spring fishery area 2,823 pink, 2,031 chum, and 71 king salmon were harvested.

2003 ALASKA HATCHERY CHINOOK RETURN FORECAST

Hatchery facility managers are predicting total returns of approximately 133,600 king salmon for 2003, as compared to estimated 2002 returns of 130,200 fish (Table 2). The largest returns for 2003 are expected to Medvejie Creek (38,000 fish), Hidden Falls (27,000 fish), and Whitman Lake (25,000).

2003 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 our web site at <http://documents.cfl.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>.

| Week of: | April 20* | <i>April 27</i> | May 4 |
|---------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Spring Area: | Chatham Strait Eastern Channel Frederick Sound ^a Gravina Island Homeshore Inner Silver Bay Kingsmill Point Middle Island Mountain Point Point Sophia | Baht Harbor Biorka Island Lisianski Inlet Port Althorp South Passage Little Port Walter Salisbury Sound Stag Bay Steamer Point Sumner Strait Tebenkof Bay West Behm Canal Western Channel | Shelikof 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 20 by emergency order and remains open until closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.374(b)).

Neets Bay: opens April 20 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 465 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. The Board of Fisheries recently approved a proposal to expand the closed waters exemption so that it applies to the entire spring salmon troll season. 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 2003 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 2002 – 2003 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 1–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", measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail, maybe 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. Lingcod must be delivered head-on, with the external gender indicators intact until further notice. (5 AAC 28.173(g)). Trollers should expect some changes regarding lingcod bycatch once new regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries (January 2003) are codified. These changes will be announced by news release at a future date.

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)). This closed area includes the Middle Island, Western Channel, Eastern Channel, and Inner Silver Bay spring troll areas. Troll lingcod bycatch will be allowed, as of May 16, in the Shelikof Bay spring troll area, as well as a portion of the Biorika Island and Salisbury Sound spring troll areas. Trollers who have lingcod onboard may not fish in areas closed to lingcod retention.

3. 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.
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. Trollers should expect some changes regarding DSR bycatch once new regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries (January 2003) are codified. These changes will be announced by news release at a future date.

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.

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 fishing for groundfish with dinglebar gear must display the letter D. A vessel fishing for groundfish with mechanical jig gear must display the letter M (5 AAC 28.135). A vessel fishing for salmon cannot have the letter M or D displayed.

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| Juneau Troll Recorded Information Line | (907) 465-8765 (TROL) |
| 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/troll/trolinfo.htm>

News Release Website: <http://documents.cf1.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>

Table 1. The number of king salmon harvested and permits fished in the 2002 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 | KING | AK % |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 101 | 21 | West Rock Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | 11 | 709 | 6% |
| | | | 24-Jun | 29-Jun | | | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| West Rock Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 11 | 923 | 19% |
| 101 | 23 | Felice Strait Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | | | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 27-Jun | | | |
| Felice Strait Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | | Confidential | |
| 101 | 29 | Gravina Is. Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 13 | 257 | 32% |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 15 | 471 | 53% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 26 | 1312 | 74% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 28 | 1083 | 57% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 19 | 374 | 47% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 15 | 469 | 88% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Gravina Is. Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 47 | 4,010 | 63% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 101 | 45 | Mountain Point Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | Confidential | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | 4 | 18 | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | 6 | 34 | 69% |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 6 | 61 | 48% |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 7 | 202 | 42% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 5 | 76 | 65% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 6 | 66 | 58% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 4 | 174 | 65% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 5 | 205 | 89% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | Confidential | |
| Mountain Point Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 24 | 876 | 62% |
| 101 | 90 | West Behm Canal Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 29-Jun | | | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| West Behm Canal Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 6 | 157 | 37% |
| 101 | 95 | Neets Bay Terminal Troll | 1-May | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | | | |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 16-Jun | 20-Jun | | Confidential | |
| Neets Bay Terminal Troll TOTAL | | | | | 3 | 95 | 100% |
| 102 | 80 | Ship Is. Shore Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 27-Jun | | | |
| Ship Is. Shore Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | | Confidential | |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 105 | 41 | Sumner St. Exp Troll | 22-Apr | 25-Apr | 6 | 72 | 15% |
| | | | 29-Apr | 2-May | 6 | 111 | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | 10 | 155 | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | 9 | 124 | 53% |
| | | | 20-May | 22-May | 8 | 154 | |
| | | | 27-May | 27-May | 3 | 7 | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 5-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 12-Jun | 4 | 81 | 15% |
| | | | 17-Jun | 19-Jun | 3 | 12 | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 27-Jun | 6 | 90 | |
| Sumner St. Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 24 | 839 | 13% |
| 106 | 30 | Steamer Point Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | 3 | 66 | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 29-Jun | 3 | 53 | |
| Steamer Point Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 8 | 284 | 18% |
| 106 | 41 | Snow Passage Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | | | |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | | | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | | | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | | | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 27-Jun | | | |
| Snow Passage Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | | Confidential | |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|---|------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 106 | 44 | Wrangell Narrows Term. Troll | 1-Jun | 1-Jun | 5 | 30 | |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 28 | 570 | |
| | | | 9-Jun | 10-Jun | 22 | 314 | |
| Wrangell Narrows Term. Troll TOTAL | | | | | 32 | 914 | 100% |
| 107 | 45 | Earl West Cove Term. Troll | 15-Jun | 15-Jun | | | |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | | | |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | | | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 6-Jul | | | |
| | | | 7-Jul | 13-Jul | | | |
| | | | 14-Jul | 20-Jul | | | |
| | | | 21-Jul | 27-Jul | | | |
| | | | 28-Jul | 3-Aug | | | |
| | | | 4-Aug | 10-Aug | | | |
| | | | 11-Aug | 17-Aug | | | |
| | | | 18-Aug | 24-Aug | | | |
| | | | 25-Aug | 31-Aug | | | |
| | | | 1-Sep | 7-Sep | | | |
| | | | 8-Sep | 14-Sep | | | |
| | | | 15-Sep | 21-Sep | | | |
| | | | 22-Sep | 28-Sep | | | |
| | | | 29-Sep | 5-Oct | | | |
| | | | 6-Oct | 12-Oct | | | |
| | | | 13-Oct | 19-Oct | | | |
| | | | 20-Oct | 26-Oct | | | |
| | | | 27-Oct | 2-Nov | | | |
| | | | 3-Nov | 9-Nov | | | |
| | | | 10-Nov | 10-Nov | | | |
| Earl West Cove Term. Troll TOTAL | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| 108 | 30 | Baht Harbor Exp Troll | 29-Apr | 2-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | 5 | 38 | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | 4 | 27 | 46% |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | 8 | 66 | 32% |
| | | | 27-May | 30-May | 6 | 40 | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 6-Jun | 3 | 97 | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 13-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 17-Jun | 20-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 24-Jun | 29-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Baht Harbor Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 16 | 323 | 27% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|---|------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| 108 | 40 | Craig Point Exp Troll | 29-Apr 6-May 13-May 20-May 27-May 3-Jun 10-Jun 17-Jun 24-Jun | 2-May 9-May 16-May 23-May 30-May 6-Jun 13-Jun 20-Jun 27-Jun | 3 8 | Confidential Confidential Confidential 10 244 Confidential | 5% |
| Craig Point Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 10 | 279 | 5% |
| 109 | 10 | Little Port Walter Exp Troll | 29-Apr 13-May 20-May 27-May 3-Jun 10-Jun 17-Jun 24-Jun | 2-May 16-May 23-May 30-May 6-Jun 13-Jun 20-Jun 27-Jun | | Confidential Confidential Confidential | |
| Little Port Walter Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 4 | 31 | 0% |
| 109 | 51 | Kingsmill Point Exp Troll | 15-Apr 21-Apr 28-Apr 5-May 12-May 19-May 26-May 2-Jun 9-Jun 16-Jun 23-Jun 30-Jun | 20-Apr 27-Apr 4-May 11-May 18-May 25-May 1-Jun 8-Jun 15-Jun 22-Jun 29-Jun 30-Jun | 3 3 9 9 13 10 15 17 10 7 | 18 35 Confidential 147 104 437 388 596 367 179 77 | 7% 1% 22% 30% 77% 63% 19% |
| Kingsmill Point Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 39 | 2,368 | 41% |
| 109 | 62 | Tebenkof Bay Exp Troll | 15-Apr 22-Apr 29-Apr 6-May 13-May 20-May 27-May 3-Jun 10-Jun 17-Jun 23-Jun 30-Jun | 18-Apr 25-Apr 2-May 9-May 16-May 23-May 30-May 6-Jun 14-Jun 22-Jun 29-Jun 30-Jun | 5 | 40 Confidential Confidential Confidential | 70% |
| Tebenkof Bay Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 8 | 124 | 25% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 110 | 31 | Frederick Sound Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | | | |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 9 | 150 | 27% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 5 | 34 | 33% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Frederick Sound Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 12 | 216 | 24% |
| 112 | 12 | Chatham Strait Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 3 | 30 | 34% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 17 | 638 | 48% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 19 | 497 | 46% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 15 | 226 | 42% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 4 | 23 | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Chatham Strait Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 47 | 1,425 | 45% |
| 112 | 22 | Hidden Falls Term. Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 4 | 240 | |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 4 | 309 | |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 15 | 371 | |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 16 | 463 | |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 33 | 1,034 | |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 32 | 1375 | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 6-Jul | 5 | 494 | |
| | | | 7-Jul | 13-Jul | | | |
| | | | 14-Jul | 20-Jul | | | |
| | | | 21-Jul | 27-Jul | | | |
| | | | 28-Jul | 31-Jul | | | |
| Hidden Falls Term. Troll TOTAL | | | | | 57 | 4,286 | 100% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 113 | 01 | Western Channel Exp Troll | 22-Apr | 23-Apr | | Confidential | |
| | | | 29-Apr | 30-Apr | 3 | 15 | |
| | | | 6-May | 7-May | 10 | 42 | 66% |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | 6 | 49 | 16% |
| | | | 20-May | 21-May | 13 | 78 | 31% |
| | | | 27-May | 29-May | 10 | 283 | 57% |
| | | | 3-Jun | 7-Jun | 40 | 1,809 | 37% |
| | | | 10-Jun | 12-Jun | 26 | 749 | 34% |
| | | | 17-Jun | 17-Jun | 40 | 1,235 | 38% |
| Western Channel Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 77 | 4,265 | 38% |
| 113 | 30 | Redoubt Bay Exp Troll | 22-Apr | 23-Apr | | | |
| | | | 29-Apr | 30-Apr | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 7-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 13-May | 14-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 20-May | 21-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 27-May | 29-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 5-Jun | | Confidential | |
| | | | 10-Jun | 12-Jun | 3 | 49 | 32% |
| | | | 17-Jun | 19-Jun | 3 | 36 | |
| Redoubt Bay Exp Troll Total | | | | | 6 | 97 | 24% |
| 113 | 31 | Biorka Island Exp Troll | 22-Apr | 23-Apr | 6 | 26 | |
| | | | 29-Apr | 30-Apr | 14 | 222 | 7% |
| | | | 6-May | 7-May | 14 | 56 | 63% |
| | | | 13-May | 14-May | 11 | 59 | 100% |
| | | | 20-May | 21-May | 7 | 114 | 13% |
| | | | 27-May | 29-May | 4 | 41 | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 5-Jun | 14 | 800 | 24% |
| Biorka Island Exp Troll Total | | | | | 34 | 1,318 | 29% |
| 113 | 35 | Eastern Channel Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | 3 | 6 | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | 5 | 12 | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | 11 | 63 | 85% |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | 22 | 187 | 12% |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | 21 | 174 | 33% |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 28 | 367 | 53% |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 40 | 774 | 58% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 37 | 980 | 69% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 59 | 1,898 | 85% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 45 | 1,657 | 67% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 45 | 1,686 | 69% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | confidential | |
| Eastern Channel Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 119 | 7,808 | 63% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|---|------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 113 | 37 | Inner Silver Bay Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | | | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | | | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | | | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 4 | 58 | 86% |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 10 | 270 | 100% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 10 | 277 | 75% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 12 | 592 | 100% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 29 | 1,411 | 57% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 15 | 494 | 49% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Inner Silver Bay Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 56 | 3,102 | 76% |
| 113 | 41 | Middle Island Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | Confidential | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | 3 | 23 | |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | 15 | 108 | 13% |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | 14 | 132 | 20% |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | 24 | 155 | 27% |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | 10 | 66 | 100% |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 9 | 76 | |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 9 | 96 | |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 20 | 701 | 45% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 21 | 551 | 19% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 18 | 359 | 66% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Middle Island Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 78 | 2,270 | 35% |
| 113 | 62 | Salisbury Sound Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 18-Apr | | Confidential | |
| | | | 22-Apr | 25-Apr | | | |
| | | | 29-Apr | 2-May | | | |
| | | | 6-May | 9-May | | | |
| | | | 13-May | 16-May | 11 | 146 | 39% |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | 11 | 91 | 68% |
| | | | 27-May | 31-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 3-Jun | 7-Jun | 6 | 120 | 39% |
| | | | 10-Jun | 15-Jun | 6 | 282 | 100% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 21-Jun | 7 | 207 | 35% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 9 | 236 | 43% |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | | |
| Salisbury Sound Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 35 | 1,095 | 76% |
| 113 | 95 | Lisianski Inlet Exp Troll | 13-May | 16-May | 18 | 532 | 14% |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | 23 | 671 | 16% |
| | | | 27-May | 27-May | 12 | 154 | 40% |
| | | | 3-Jun | 3-Jun | 11 | 125 | 33% |
| Lisianski Inlet Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 30 | 1,482 | 19% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 113 | 97 | Stag Bay Exp Troll | 13-May 20-May 27-May 3-Jun 10-Jun 17-Jun 23-Jun 30-Jun | 16-May 23-May 30-May 6-Jun 14-Jun 21-Jun 29-Jun 30-Jun | | Confidential 33 53 69 | |
| Stag Bay Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 9 | 158 | 0% |
| 114 | 21 | Cross Sound Pink/Chum Troll | 10-Jun 17-Jun 24-Jun | 14-Jun 21-Jun 28-Jun | 7 8 | 31 40 | 4% |
| Cross Sound Pink/Chum Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 10 | 71 | 2% |
| 114 | 23 | South Passage Exp Troll | 13-May 20-May 27-May 3-Jun 10-Jun 17-Jun 23-Jun 30-Jun | 16-May 23-May 30-May 6-Jun 14-Jun 22-Jun 29-Jun 30-Jun | | Confidential 25 Confidential | 100% |
| South Passage Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 5 | 59 | 73% |
| 114 | 25 | Homeshore Exp Troll | 15-Apr 22-Apr 29-Apr 6-May 13-May 20-May 27-May 2-Jun 9-Jun 16-Jun 23-Jun 30-Jun | 18-Apr 25-Apr 2-May 9-May 16-May 24-May 31-May 8-Jun 15-Jun 22-Jun 29-Jun 30-Jun | 11 8 8 14 12 7 8 | Confidential 50 84 103 142 262 74 69 Confidential Confidential | 32% 51% 81% 23% 40% 42% 53% |
| Homeshore Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 36 | 806 | 43% |

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| DIST | SUB | FISHERY NAME | OPEN | CLOSE | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 114 | 27 | Pt. Sophia Exp Troll | 15-Apr | 20-Apr | | Confidential | |
| | | | 21-Apr | 27-Apr | 6 | 25 | 4% |
| | | | 28-Apr | 4-May | | | |
| | | | 5-May | 11-May | 4 | 15 | |
| | | | 12-May | 18-May | 4 | 10 | |
| | | | 19-May | 25-May | | Confidential | |
| | | | 26-May | 1-Jun | 6 | 54 | 85% |
| | | | 2-Jun | 8-Jun | 10 | 88 | 75% |
| | | | 9-Jun | 15-Jun | 15 | 198 | 60% |
| | | | 16-Jun | 22-Jun | 9 | 67 | 4% |
| | | | 23-Jun | 29-Jun | 4 | 12 | |
| | | | 30-Jun | 30-Jun | | Confidential | |
| Pt. Sophia Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 28 | 495 | 49% |
| 114 | 50 | Port Althorp Exp Troll | 13-May | 16-May | 11 | 315 | 28% |
| | | | 20-May | 23-May | 9 | 221 | 1% |
| | | | 27-May | 29-May | 17 | 433 | 20% |
| | | | 3-Jun | 4-Jun | 14 | 250 | 44% |
| | | | 10-Jun | 12-Jun | 16 | 471 | 25% |
| | | | 17-Jun | 19-Jun | 17 | 764 | 19% |
| Port Althorp Exp Troll TOTAL | | | | | 38 | 2,454 | 22% |
| TOTALS | | | | | PERMITS | KING | AK % |
| SPRING EXP SUBTOTAL | | | | | 397 | 37,355 | 48% |
| SPRING TERMINAL SUBTOTAL | | | | | 91 | 5,295 | 100% |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | | | 434 | 42,650 | 54% |

Table 2. Projected and actual 2002 and projected 2003 hatchery king salmon and Neck Lake coho salmon returns.^a

| Release Site | 2002 Total Return Projection | 2002 Total Return | 2002 Terminal Area Return | 2003 Total Return Projection | 2003 Terminal Area Return Projection |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ketchikan Area | | | | | |
| Whitman Lake | 15,000 | 21,720 | 13,780 | 25,000 | 15,000 |
| Neets Bay | 4,000 | 9,930 | 7,570 | 14,000 | 8,000 |
| Deer Mountain | 438 | 644 | 536 | 855 | 202 |
| Tamgas Creek | 11,200 | 9,416 | 5,400 | 11,000 | 6,500 |
| Total Ketchikan | 30,638 | 41,710 | 27,286 | 38,255 | 29,702 |
| Chatham Strait | | | | | |
| Little Port Walter | 2,500 | 2,440 | 1,247 | 1,600 | 800 |
| Hidden Falls | 18,500 | 20,707 | 11,253 | 27,000 | 14,700 |
| Total Chatham | 21,000 | 23,147 | 12,500 | 28,600 | 15,500 |
| Juneau Area | | | | | |
| Gastineau Channel | 2,810 | 4,879 | 4,017 | 4,636 | 2,126 |
| Auke Creek | 1,900 | 1,994 | 1,369 | 1,455 | 180 |
| Fish Creek | 3,505 | 3,439 | 199 | 2,072 | 699 |
| Total Juneau | 8,215 | 10,312 | 5,585 | 8,164 | 3,006 |
| Wrangell/Petersburg | | | | | |
| Earl West Cove | 6,375 | 5,740 | 5,450 | 10,000 | 4,000 |
| Crystal Lake | 4,999 | 7,071 | 6,917 | 10,574 | 4,926 |
| Total WRN/PBG | 17,800 | 12,811 | 12,367 | 20,574 | 8,926 |
| Sitka Area | | | | | |
| Medvejie Creek | 35,000 | 42,203 | 23,574 | 38,000 | 21,000 |
| Southeast Alaska Chinook Hatchery Totals | | | | | |
| | 112,653 | 130,179 | 81,312 | 133,593 | 78,134 |
| Neck Lake (Coho) | 75,000 | 63,300 | 35,800 | 65,000 | 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)).

2003 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.

Western Clarence Strait (Fishery Area 102-50) (new for 2003): In District 2, waters of Clarence Strait north of 54°54.27' N. lat. (the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay) and south of a line from Niblack Pt. to a point on Kasaan Peninsula at 55°28.4' N. lat.

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. 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 (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): 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).

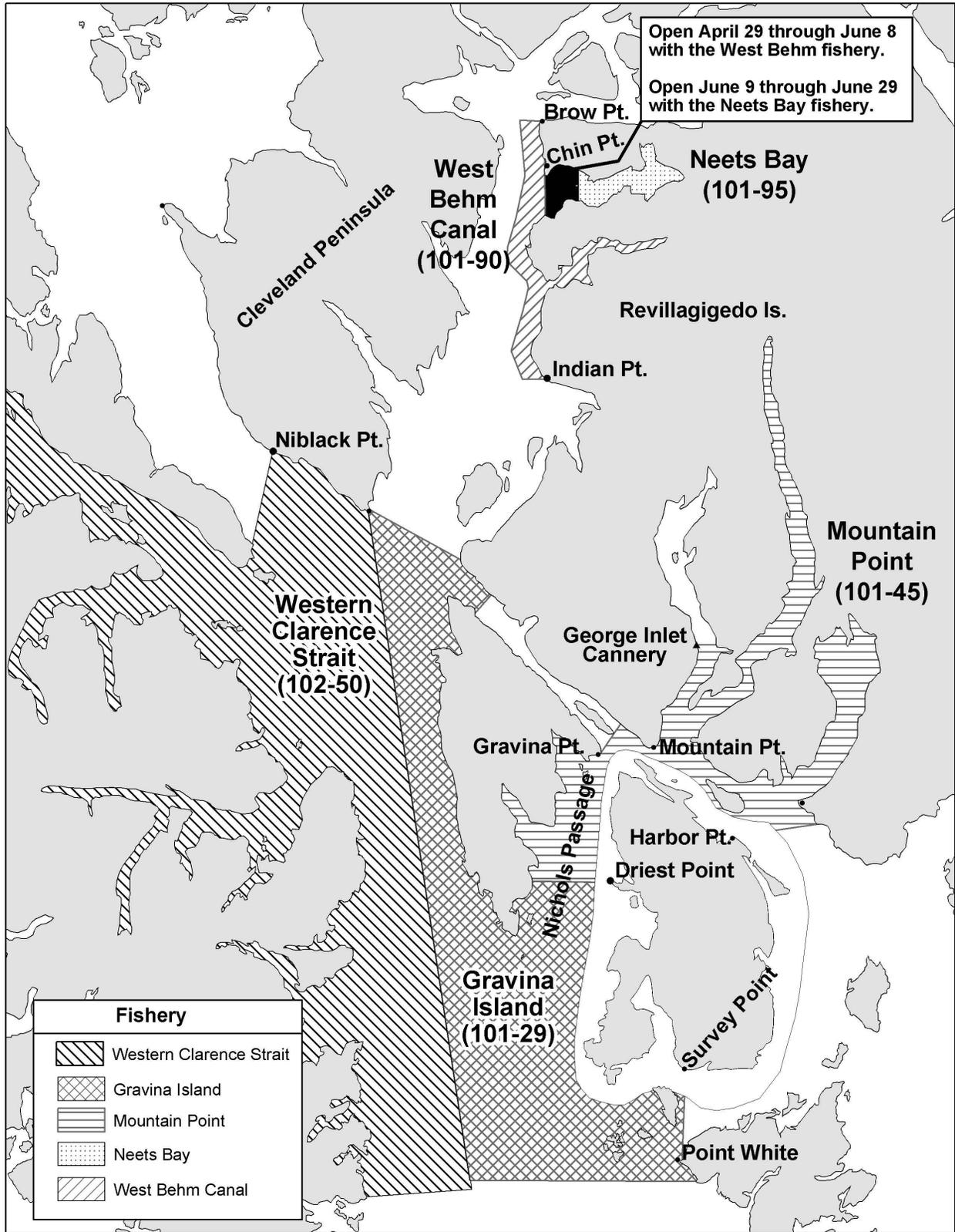


Figure 1. Ketchikan area spring trolling areas, 2003.

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. 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.).

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.

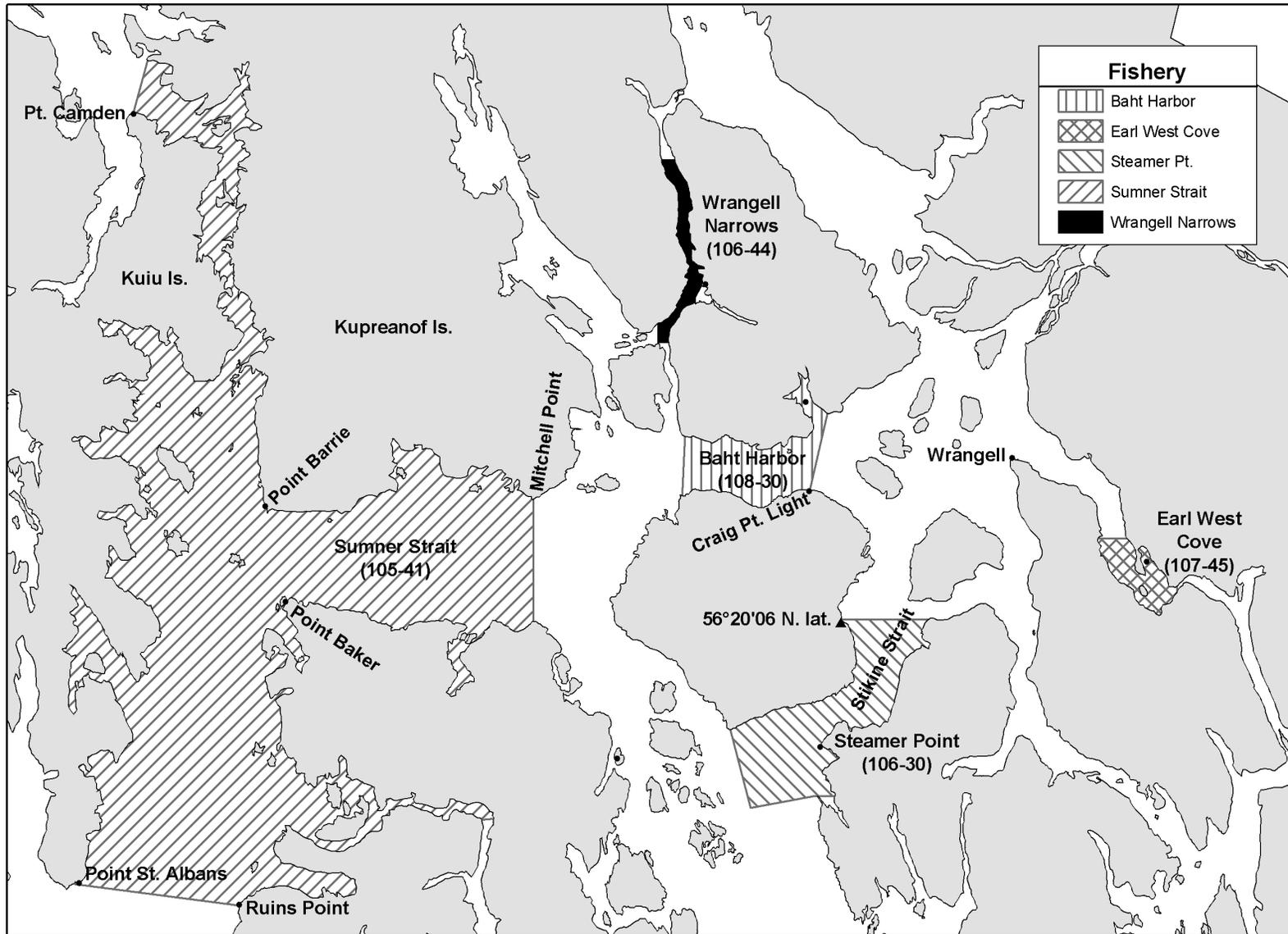


Figure 2. Wrangell and Prince of Wales spring trolling areas, 2003.

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. 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 in 2003): 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. (These boundaries are the same as they were in 2001).

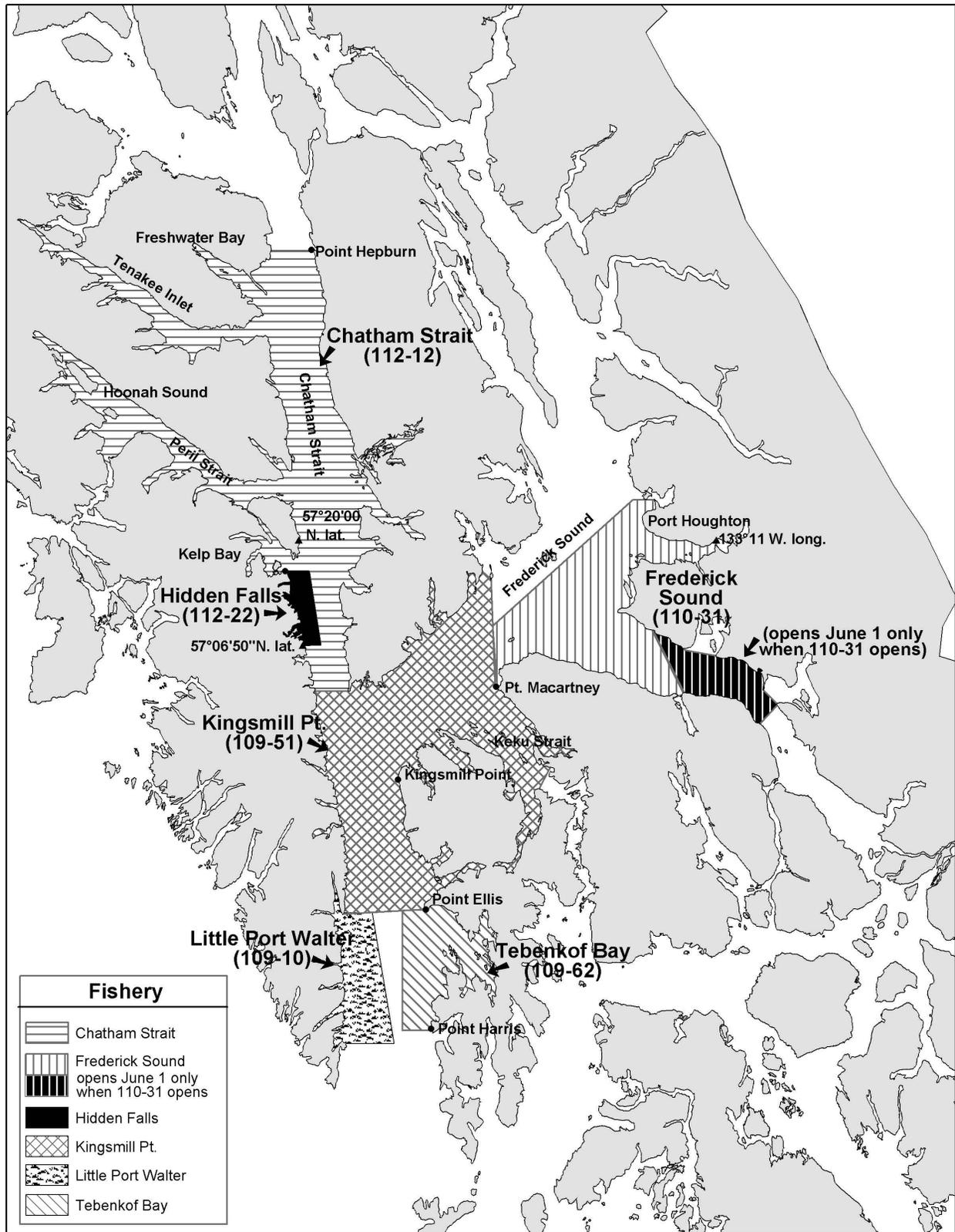


Figure 3. Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound spring trolling areas, 2003.

North Chatham Strait and Icy Strait Areas (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. lat., then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Homesore (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. 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.

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50): 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): 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.

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97) (new boundary for 2003): In waters of Lisianski Strait north of a line from Point Theodore through the southernmost tip of Ester Island to the Chichagof Island shoreline and south and west of the navigational marker at Rock Point at approximately 136°21.15' W. long., including the waters of Stag Bay.

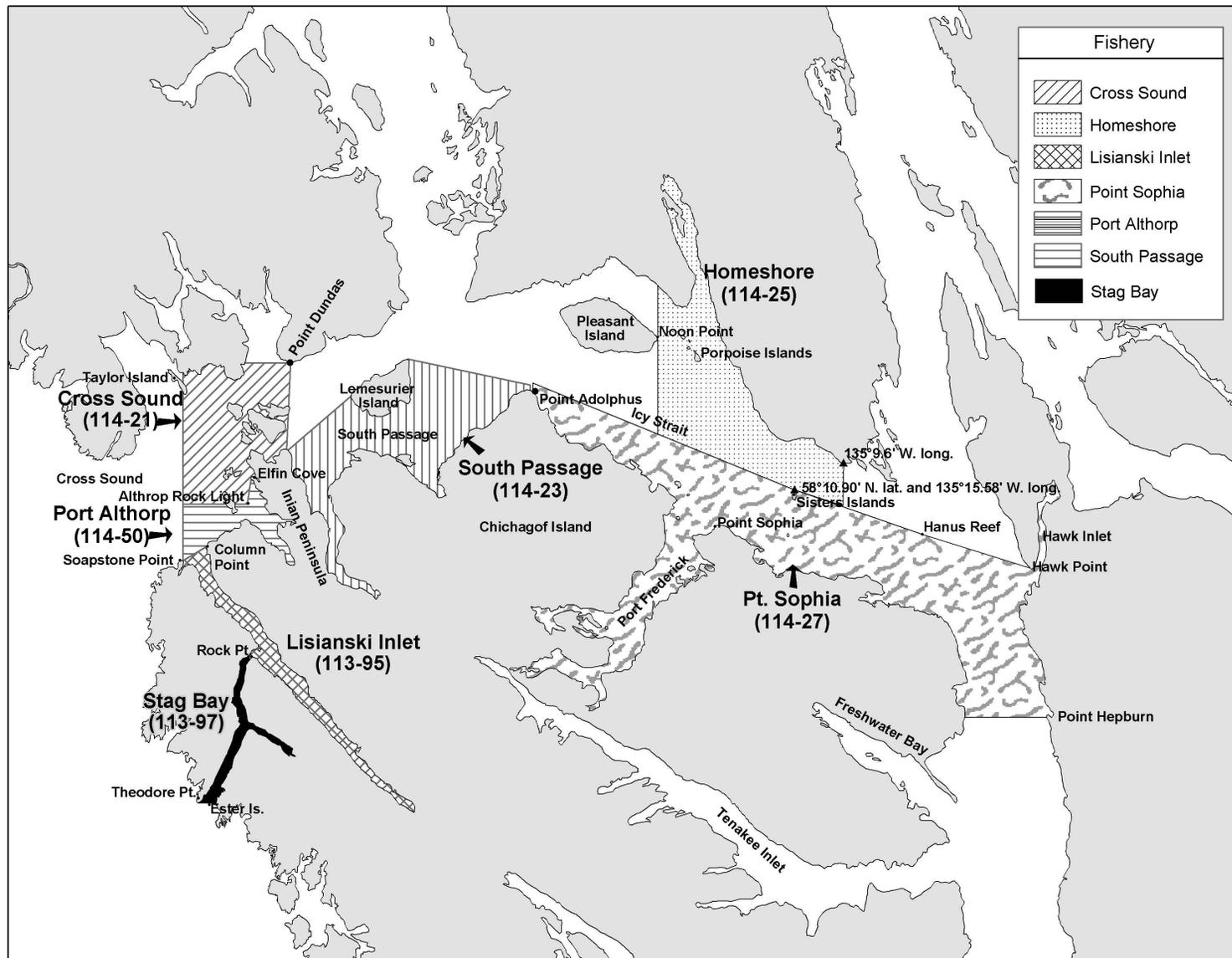


Figure 4. North Chatham and Icy Strait spring trolling areas, 2003.

Sitka Areas (Figure 5).

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): 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 Kulichof Rock.

Biorka (Fishery area 113-31) (new boundary for 2003): In waters of Sitka Sound bounded by a line from Cape Burunof (56°59' N. lat.) to Kulichof 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. lat., 135°23.17' W. long.

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.

Shelikof Bay (Fishery area 113-45) new for 2003: In waters of Shelikof Bay east of a line from Point Amelia (57°13.5' N. lat, 135°52.50' W. long.) to Beaver Point (57°5.5' N. lat, 135°50.50' W. long.).

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In 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.

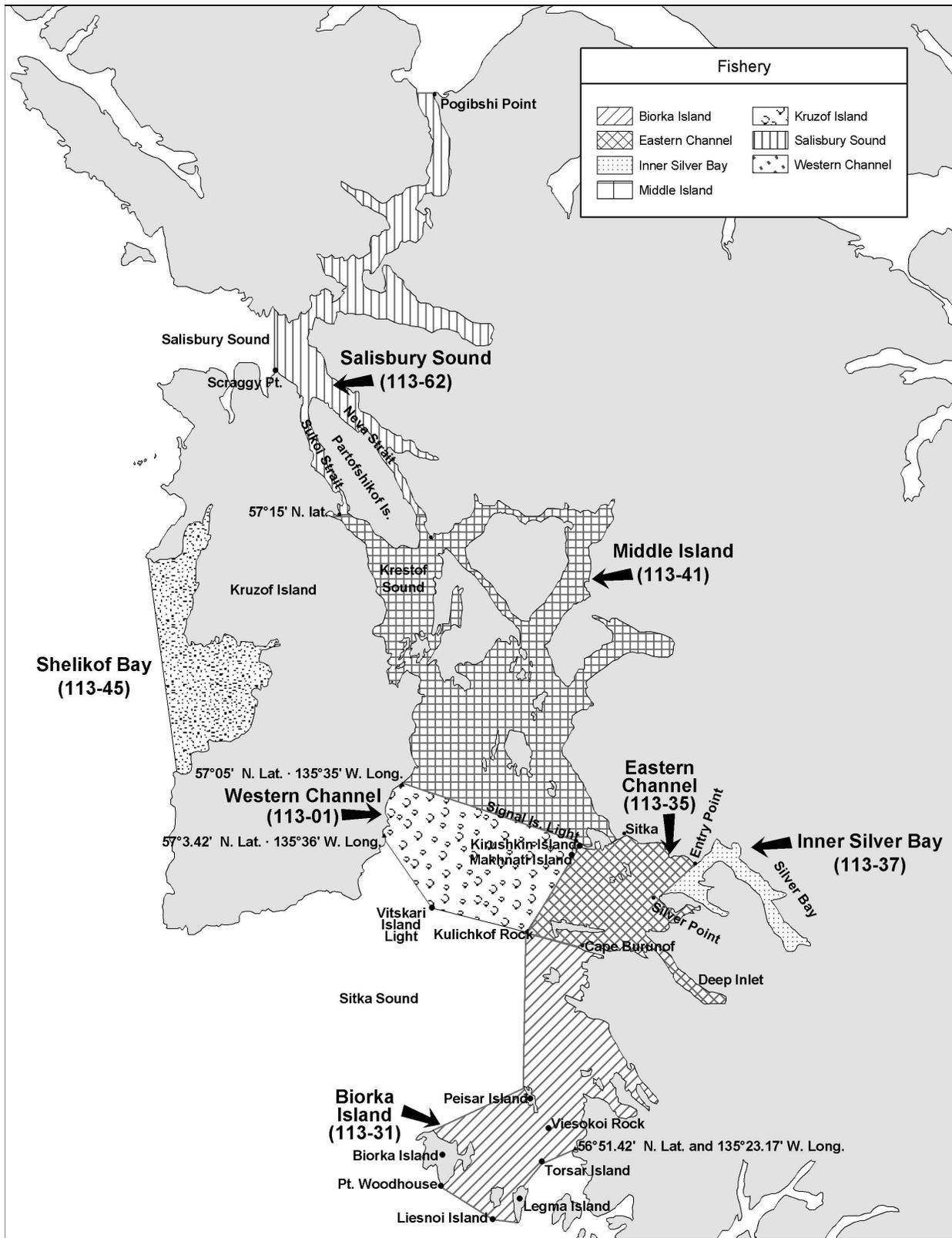


Figure 5. Sitka area spring trolling areas, 2003.

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