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INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the management plan the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) will follow to manage the 2004 Southeast Alaska spring commercial salmon troll fishery, according the Board of Fisheries adopted guidelines listed in the State of Alaska Administrative Code under 5 AAC 29.090.

CHANGES IN THE 2004 SPRING TROLL FISHERIES

The department is opening two new areas for 2004. Zimovia Strait (107-30) and Chichagof Pass (108-10) were added to target fish returning to the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) Anita Bay remote release site (107-35). Craig Point (108-40), Ernest Sound (107-10) and Deer Island (107-20) will be reopened after being closed in recent years.

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

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

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

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

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 harvest 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.

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

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

Terminal Fisheries

Terminal fisheries are conducted in areas near a hatchery or release site. 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. Earl West Cove is being phased out as a remote release site by SSRAA and has been replaced with Anita Bay. 2004 is the first year that commercial fisheries will be conducted to target kings returning to Anita Bay.

The salmon returns projection to the terminal area of Wrangell Narrows has not yet been made at the printing of this management plan. However, it is anticipated that the number of fish available for the troll fishery in the terminal area will be quite small and will likely be 200 fish or less. Under the

management plan (5 AAC 33.381), the troll fishery will be managed to harvest 50% of the projected return over 4,000 fish.

Cross Sound Pink and Chum Fishery

The Cross Sound pink and chum fishery opens for five days per week in June, Monday through Friday, from the second Monday (June 14) through June 30 (5 AAC 29.090 (f)). There is a cap of 500 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)). During past spring fisheries, Occasionally 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.

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.

2003 SPRING FISHERY SUMMARY

A total of 380 vessels participated in the 2003 spring fisheries, and harvested 39,300 kings (Table 1), 480 sockeye, 5,800 coho, 4,900 pink, and 102,200 chum salmon. The highest king salmon harvests were

in the Tebenkof Bay area, followed by the Eastern Channel, Hidden Falls, Middle Island, Gravina Island, Western Channel, Kingsmill Point and Mountain Point areas. In the Cross Sound pink and chum spring fishery area 4,200 pink, 4,700 chum, 400 sockeye and 150 king salmon were harvested. A total of 25 spring fisheries and five terminal fisheries were open during 2003.

2004 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.cf1.adfg.state.ak.us/TopicContents.po>.

Initial opening	April 22 *	Week of May 3	Week of May 9	Week of May 16
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 CHICHAGOF PASS CRAIG POINT Deer Island Ernest Sound Little Port Walter Lisianski Inlet Port Althorp Salisbury Sound South Passage Stag Bay Steamer Point Sumner Strait Tebenkof Bay W.Clarence Strait West Behm Canal Zimovia Strait	Western Channel	Shelikof Bay Biorka Island

^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: opened on April 22 and remains open until closed by emergency order.

Neets Bay: opened on April 22 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 king salmon guideline harvest has been taken (5 AAC 33.381(b)(4)).

Anita Bay: opens June 1 by regulation with some area closures within the THA beginning June 15 (5 AAC 33.383(b)).

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 2004 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 2003 – 2004 Groundfish Fishery Commercial Fishery Regulations books available at all Southeast ADF&G area offices.

1. Commercial halibut may be legally retained only by trollers holding individual fishing quota shares (IFQs) during the open season for halibut, February 29-November 15 (50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 679.4 (d)) and 5 AAC 28.133 (c). Trollers holding unfilled IFQs are required to retain any halibut taken incidentally while trolling (50 CFR 679.7 (f)(11)). If trollers have no more than 500 pounds of halibut onboard and if landed concurrently with a legal landing of salmon, they can offload their catch without having to give a 6-hour notice to the National Marine Fisheries Service (50 CFR 679.5 (l)(1)(iv)). Trollers fishing for salmon in Sitka Sound 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 harvest.

2. Lingcod greater than 27" tip of snout to tip of tail may be taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery from May 16 through November 30 (5 AAC 28.113 (c)) in areas in which the troll bycatch allowance has not been harvested. Troll bycatch limits have been established for the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO), and the East Yakutat management areas. In these areas, trollers may retain lingcod (round weight) up to 5% of the round weight of salmon harvested. When the troll lingcod quota is reached for each management area, trollers will be required to release all lingcod back into the water. There are no troll bycatch limits in the other management areas, so trollers may retain unlimited amounts of lingcod over 27" in length until the troll allocation is reached in each area (5AAC 28.133(a)). Inseason closures may occur on short notice and will be announced by news release. Lingcod must be delivered with the external gender indicators intact and head-on until further notice (5 AAC 28.173(g)).

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 Mike Vaughn, 304 Lake Street, Room 103; phone- 907-747-6688). 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. **Tags must be left on tagged sublegal lingcod or any tagged lingcod caught out of season, and fish should be landed in the round.**

Trollers are reminded that the waters of Sitka Sound are closed permanently to the taking of lingcod (5 AAC 28.150 (a) (Figure 3). This closed area includes the Middle Island, Western Channel, Eastern Channel and Inner Silver Bay spring troll areas. Troll bycatch of lingcod will be allowed, as of May 16, in 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. 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. Retention of other rockfish species is allowed but is no longer required.

4. Trollers are allowed to longline for groundfish and troll for salmon on the same trip as long as salmon are not onboard the vessel in an area closed to trolling and the fisher has both a commercial salmon permit and a commercial longline permit. Longliners are reminded to submit a logbook with their fish ticket.

Rules Pertaining to Switching Between Commercial Troll Gear and Mechanical Jig/Dinglebar Gear

Trollers must stop fishing for groundfish/halibut with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear three days (72 hours) prior to a salmon troll opening if they plan on participating in that salmon troll fishery. Trollers must also wait 24 hours after a salmon troll closure before fishing for groundfish with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear (5 AAC 29.120 (h)). Once a salmon troll opening is in progress, these waiting periods are not necessary. Salmon must be offloaded prior to fishing with mechanical jig or dinglebar gear (5 AAC 28.133(b)). A vessel 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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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 2003 spring and terminal troll fisheries. Harvests are omitted from weeks where less than three permits made landings, therefore totals may not reflect the sum of weekly values.

Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
101-29	Gravina Island	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	*	*	0%
		18	27-Apr	3-May	*	*	0%
		19	4-May	10-May	3	10	-
		20	11-May	17-May	0	0	-
		21	18-May	24-May	4	19	0%
		22	25-May	31-May	9	170	57%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	8	150	63%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	9	292	38%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	16	1,088	60%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	19	958	41%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	0	0	
Gravina Island Total					38	2,712	50%
101-45	Mountain Point	17	20-Apr	26-Apr			
		18	27-Apr	3-May			
		19	4-May	10-May	4	18	0%
		20	11-May	17-May	*	*	79%
		21	18-May	24-May	*	*	0%
		22	25-May	31-May	3	31	87%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	8	255	57%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	8	179	76%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	8	274	52%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	13	630	83%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	5	293	100%
Mountain Point Total					23	1,693	77%
101-90	West Behm Canal	18	1-May	3-May			
		19	5-May	8-May			
		20	12-May	15-May			
		21	19-May	22-May			
		22	26-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	2-Jun	25-Jun			
		24	9-Jun	13-Jun			
		25	16-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	-
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	*	*	-
27	29-Jun	30-Jun					
West Behm Canal Total					3	9	

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
101-95	Neets Bay Term. Area	17	20-Apr	26-Apr			
		18	27-Apr	3-May			
		19	4-May	10-May	*	*	
		20	11-May	17-May			
		21	18-May	24-May			
		22	25-May	31-May			
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun			
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun			
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun			
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	*	*	
		27	29-Jun	5-Jul			
Total	Neets Bay Total				3	46	100%
102-50	West Clarence Strait	18	1-May	3-May	*	*	0%
		19	5-May	8-May	*	*	0%
		20	12-May	15-May	*	*	31%
		21	19-May	22-May	4	41	35%
		22	26-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	4	182	24%
		24	9-Jun	13-Jun	3	105	100%
		25	16-Jun	21-Jun	5	137	17%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	4	158	14%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun			
	W. Clarence Strait Total				11	697	33%
105-41	Sumner Strait	18	1-May	3-May	6	6	-
		19	5-May	8-May	6	114	0%
		20	12-May	15-May	6	117	20%
		21	19-May	22-May	9	158	20%
		22	26-May	29-May	5	149	17%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	6	121	0%
		24	9-Jun	12-Jun	4	88	0%
		25	16-Jun	19-Jun	4	104	0%
		26	23-Jun	26-Jun	3	15	
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun			
	Sumner Strait Total				19	867	9%
106-30	Steamer Point	18	1-May	3-May			
		19	5-May	8-May			
		20	12-May	15-May			
		21	19-May	22-May	*	*	-
		22	26-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	4	42	0%
		24	9-Jun	12-Jun	3	20	0%
		25	16-Jun	20-Jun	5	140	16%
26	23-Jun	27-Jun	9	135	97%		
	Steamer Point Total		2		11	344	45%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
106-44	Wrangell Narrows Term. Area	23	1-Jun	7-Jun	12	74	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	17	162	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	16	307	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	closed for kings		
		27	29-Jun	5-Jul	closed for kings		
Wrangell Narrows Total					23	543	100%
107-45	Earl West Cove Term. Area	25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun			
		27	29-Jun	5-Jul			
Earl West Cove Total					*	*	0%
108-30	Baht Harbor	18	1-May	3-May	*	*	-
		19	5-May	7-May	3	10	0%
		20	12-May	14-May	4	17	100%
		21	19-May	21-May	9	62	32%
		22	26-May	28-May	10	179	21%
		23	2-Jun	7-Jun	23	274	19%
		24	9-Jun	14-Jun	11	132	19%
		25	16-Jun	21-Jun	4	67	31%
		26	23-Jun	28-Jun			
Baht Harbor Total					28	741	24%
109-10	Little Port Walter	18	1-May	2-May			
		19	8-May	9-May	3	7	-
		20	13-May	16-May			
		21	20-May	23-May			
		22	27-May	30-May	*	*	-
		23	3-Jun	6-Jun			
		24	10-Jun	13-Jun			
		25	17-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	-
26	22-Jun	27-Jun	3	32	0%		
Little Port Walter Total					7	143	10%
109-51	Kingsmill Point	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	6	52	8%
		18	27-Apr	3-May	3	60	4%
		19	4-May	10-May	11	249	15%
		20	11-May	17-May	*	*	28%
		21	18-May	24-May	15	463	22%
		22	25-May	31-May	10	250	32%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	9	351	14%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	6	174	54%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	8	334	0%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	7	277	36%
27	29-Jun	30-Jun					
Kingsmill Point Total					42	2,210	21%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
109-62	Tebenkof Bay	18	1-May	3-May			
		19	6-May	9-May	5	174	26%
		20	13-May	16-May	3	112	40%
		21	20-May	23-May	11	317	36%
		22	27-May	30-May	10	270	4%
		23	3-Jun	6-Jun	11	681	33%
		24	10-Jun	13-Jun	19	1,677	30%
		25	17-Jun	20-Jun	24	1,180	21%
		26	23-Jun	26-Jun	11	633	27%
Tebenkof Bay Total					46	5,044	27%
110-31	Frederick Sound	17	20-Apr	26-Apr			
		18	27-Apr	3-May	*	*	-
		19	4-May	10-May	4	63	0%
		20	11-May	17-May	*	*	0%
		21	18-May	24-May	4	21	0%
		22	25-May	31-May	*	*	0%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun			
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	3	21	0%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	*	*	-
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun			
Frederick Sound Total					11	130	2%
112-12	Chatham Strait	17	20-Apr	26-Apr			
		18	27-Apr	3-May			
		19	4-May	10-May	*	*	60%
		20	11-May	17-May			
		21	18-May	24-May	*	*	20%
		22	25-May	31-May	8	196	70%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	13	404	46%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	11	359	70%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	10	349	90%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	9	220	33%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun			
Chatham Strait Total					29	1,598	61%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
112-22	Hidden Falls Term. Area	17	20-Apr	26-Apr			
		18	27-Apr	3-May			
		19	4-May	10-May			
		20	11-May	17-May			
		21	18-May	24-May			
		22	25-May	31-May	12	149	
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	20	461	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	17	860	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	8	363	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	14	1,300	
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	360	
Hidden Falls Total					36	3,493	100%
113-01	Western Channel	18	1-May	2-May	4	8	0%
		19	5-May	6-May	*	*	0%
		20	12-May	14-May	8	63	0%
		21	19-May	21-May	19	159	22%
		22	26-May	28-May	31	628	28%
		23	2-Jun	4-Jun	31	719	23%
		24	9-Jun	9-Jun	24	209	42%
		25	16-Jun	17-Jun	29	674	24%
Western Channel Total					74	2,460	25%
113-31	Biorka Island	18	1-May	2-May	19	184	26%
		19	5-May	6-May	21	350	5%
		20	12-May	12-May	11	63	0%
		21	19-May	19-May	14	300	9%
		24	9-Jun	9-Jun	17	311	39%
		25	16-Jun	16-Jun	17	437	13%
Biorka Island Total					54	1,645	17%
113-35	Eastern Channel	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	*	*	
		18	27-Apr	3-May	*	*	0%
		19	4-May	10-May	5	10	
		20	11-May	17-May	5	71	0%
		21	18-May	24-May	14	196	55%
		22	25-May	31-May	29	273	10%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	38	508	27%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	43	1,206	58%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	47	1,286	30%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	37	1,176	45%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	
Eastern Channel Total					98	4,756	40%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
	Inner Silver Bay		20-Apr	26-Apr			-
		18	27-Apr	3-May	*	*	-
		19	4-May	10-May	*	*	
		20	11-May	17-May			
		21	18-May	24-May	*	*	0%
		22	25-May	31-May	*	*	-
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	4	43	-
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	5	68	100%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	8	275	93%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	9	483	51%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	
	Inner Silver Bay Total				17	1,013	62%
113-41	Middle Island	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	4	5	-
		18	27-Apr	3-May	4	6	-
		19	4-May	10-May	7	52	65%
		20	11-May	17-May	7	93	19%
		21	18-May	24-May	11	214	29%
		22	25-May	31-May	4	55	55%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	14	268	39%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	25	596	75%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	36	1,066	53%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	21	516	52%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	3	21	0%
	Middle Island Total				63	2,892	53%
113-45	Shelikof Bay	19	5-May	5-May	27	272	5%
		20	12-May	12-May	3	16	36%
		21	19-May	19-May	13	216	12%
		23	2-Jun	2-Jun	29	873	4%
	Shelikof Bay Total				47	1,377	6%
113-62	Salisbury Sound	18	1-May	3-May	*	*	-
		19	5-May	8-May	4	12	0%
		20	12-May	15-May	6	59	21%
		21	19-May	22-May	5	32	3%
		22	26-May	29-May	*	*	0%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	3	39	22%
		24	9-Jun	12-Jun	4	62	0%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	6	271	100%
26	22-Jun	27-Jun	10	393	74%		
	Salisbury Sound Total				27	882	76%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
113-95	Lisianski Inlet	19	3-May	4-May	8	116	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	11	268	19%
		21	17-May	18-May	15	247	15%
		22	24-May	25-May	16	454	13%
		23	1-Jun	1-Jun	4	34	0%
		24	8-Jun	8-Jun	*	*	0%
Lisianski Inlet Total					23	1,119	13%
113-97	Stag Bay	19	1-May	4-May	*	*	-
		20	8-May	11-May			
		21	15-May	18-May	4	33	0%
		22	22-May	25-May	3	33	0%
		23	29-May	1-Jun	3	16	0%
		24	5-Jun	8-Jun	*	*	0%
		25	11-Jun	15-Jun	4	110	10%
		26	18-Jun	22-Jun	6	121	6%
		27	25-Jun	29-Jun	3	19	-
Stag Bay Total					11	351	5%
114-21	Cross Sound Pink and Chum	24	9-Jun	13-Jun	6	74	0%
		25	16-Jun	20-Jun	5	32	94%
		26	23-Jun	27-Jun	7	40	0%
Cross Sound Total					13	146	21%
114-23	South Passage	19	3-May	4-May			
		20	10-May	11-May			
		21	17-May	18-May	*	*	17%
		22	22-May	25-May	4	118	0%
		23	29-May	1-Jun	*	*	0%
		24	5-Jun	8-Jun			
		25	11-Jun	15-Jun			
		26	18-Jun	22-Jun			
		27	25-Jun	29-Jun			
South Passage Total					7	132	1%

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK%
114-25	Homeshore	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	4	82	0%
		18	27-Apr	3-May	3	31	0%
		19	4-May	10-May	6	71	0%
		20	11-May	17-May	9	64	35%
		21	18-May	24-May	7	62	0%
		22	25-May	31-May	4	31	0%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	10	85	78%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	*	0%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun			
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	*	*	-
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun			
Homeshore Total					28	456	19%
114-27	Point Sophia	17	20-Apr	26-Apr	*	*	-
		18	27-Apr	3-May	3	9	-
		19	4-May	10-May	*	*	0%
		20	11-May	17-May	*	*	100%
		21	18-May	24-May	4	15	100%
		22	25-May	31-May	7	37	75%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	10	89	81%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	7	45	100%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	0%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	3	55	25%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	70%
Point Sophia Total					23	314	71%
114-50	Port Althorp	19	3-May	4-May	*	*	0%
		20	10-May	11-May	4	120	6%
		21	17-May	18-May	9	167	16%
		22	24-May	25-May	4	78	53%
		23	31-May	1-Jun	13	163	16%
		24	6-Jun	8-Jun	8	164	41%
		25	12-Jun	15-Jun	14	322	11%
		26	18-Jun	22-Jun	12	385	14%
		27	28-Jun	29-Jun	6	89	18%
Port Althorp Total					28	1,488	18%
Spring Experimental Subtotal					365	35,429	36%
Spring Terminal Subtotal					66	3,826	100%
Total Spring Troll					380	39,255	40%

* Confidential data. Totals may or may not include individual weeks data. Pelican Fisheries (Lisianski Inlet, South Passage, and Stag Bay) are summarized by week in which the fishery closed.

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

2004 ALASKA HATCHERY CHINOOK RETURN FORECAST

Hatchery facility managers are predicting total returns of approximately 136,000 king salmon for 2004, as compared to estimated 2003 returns of 144,000 fish (Table 2). The largest returns for 2004 are expected to Medvejie Creek, Hidden Falls, Whitman Lake and Neets Bay.

Table 2. Projected and actual 2003 and projected 2004 hatchery king salmon and Neck Lake coho salmon returns.^a

Release Site	2003 Total Return Projection	2003 Total Return	2003 Terminal Area Return	2004 Total Return Projection	2004 Terminal Area Return Projection
Ketchikan Area					
Whitman Lake	25,000	17,070	2,670	17,000	9,000
Neets Bay	14,000	10,890	6,350	14,000	8,000
Deer Mountain	700	1,243	369	1,136	651
Tamgas Creek	13,000	9,029	NA	13,000?	NA
Total Ketchikan	52,700	23,312		45,136?	
Chatham Strait					
Little Port Walter	1,750	2,500	1,700	2,000	NA
Hidden Falls	27,000	28,457	16,563	26,000	9,900
Total Chatham	28,750	30,957	18,263	28,000	?
Juneau Area					
Macaulay Hatchery	4,600	4,763	3,530	7,650	4,150
Auke Creek	1,455	1,509	767	1,650	880
Fish Creek	2,072	1,875	371	2,900	750
Total Juneau	8,127	8,147	4,668	12,200	5,800
Wrangell/Petersburg					
Anita Bay	0	420		6,000	
Earl West Cove	10,000	7,560			
Crystal Lake	6,400	5,710	NA	7,000?	low
Total WRN/PBG	16,400	13,690		13,600	
Sitka Area					
Medvejie Creek	38,000	47,403	33,077	37,000	20,350
Southeast Alaska Chinook Hatchery Totals					
	144,013			136,000	
Neck Lake (Coho)	65,000			120,000	

^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)).

2004 SPRING FISHING AREAS AND MAPS

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

Ketchikan Areas (Figure 1).

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

Western Clarence Strait (Fishery Area 102-50): In District 2, waters of Clarence Strait north of 54°54.27' N. latitude (the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay) and south of 55°36.5' N. latitude

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45): In Section 1F, waters of Nichols Passage north of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat.) and south of a line from Gravina Point (55°17.25' N. lat., 131°34.75' W. long.) to a point on Revillagigedo Island at 55°18.75' N. latitude, 131°35.25' W. longitude; in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23' N. latitude including waters of Carroll Inlet, and north of a line from 55°13.60' N. latitude, 131°17.30' W. longitude (approximately 1-mile south of Cone Point) to Harbor Point (55°13' N. lat., 131°25' W. long.). Waters 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. latitude and north of the latitude of Indian Point 55°36.80' N. latitude 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 harvest from this area should be reported as Neets Bay Terminal Area (101-95).

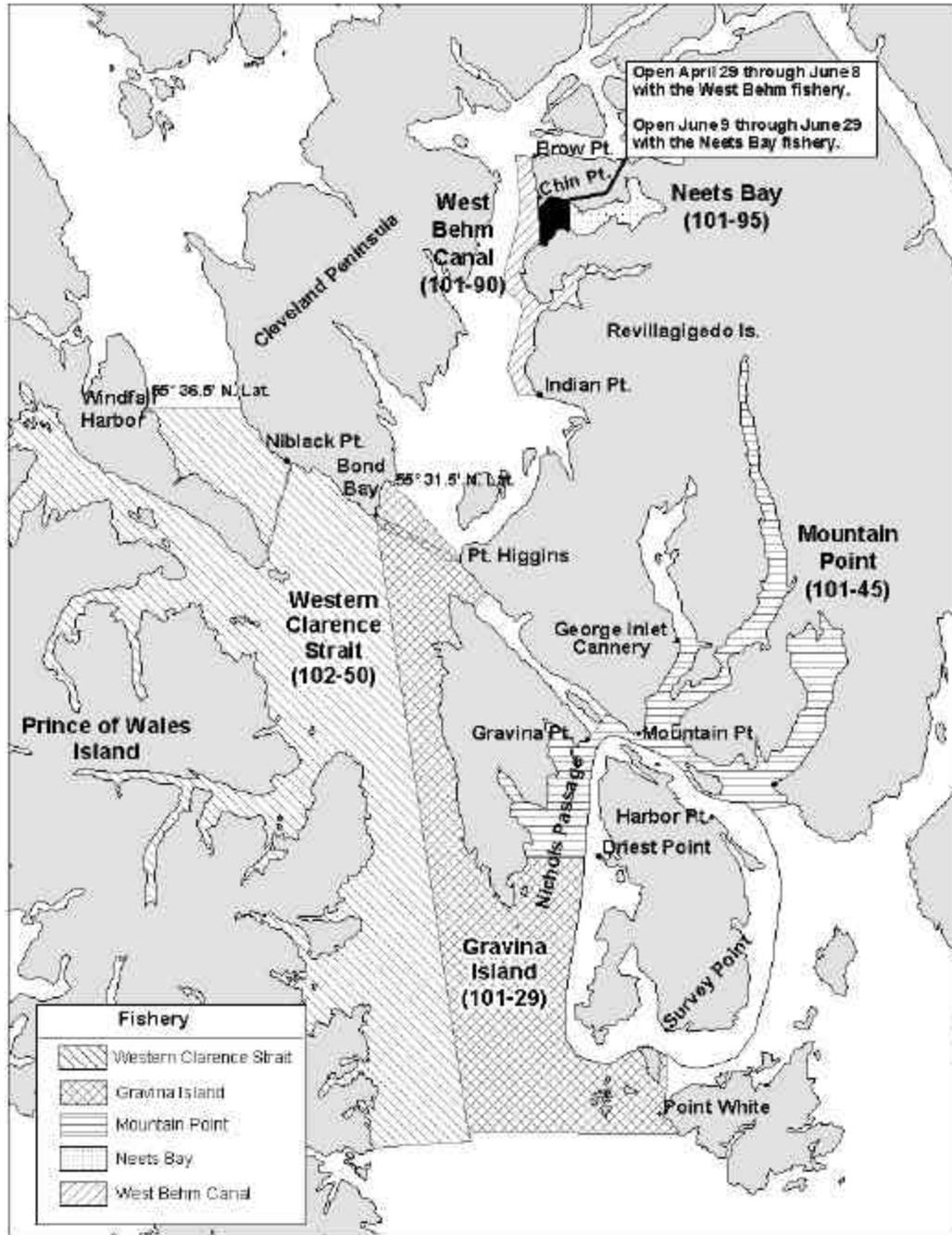


Figure 1. Ketchikan area spring trolling areas, 2004.

Wrangell and Prince of Wales Areas (Figure 2).

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

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

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

Steamer Point (Fishery area 106-30): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6C, 6D, and 8B south of 56°20.10' N. latitude 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. latitude (Martinsen's Dock), west of a line between Blind Point (56°39' N. lat., 132°54.83' W. long.) and Anchor Point (56°38.25' N. lat., 132°55.58' W. long.) and north of the latitude and east of the longitude of the northern tip of Woewodski Island.

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

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

Zimovia Strait (107-30)(New for 2004): The waters of Section 7A north of the southernmost tip of Wrangell Island.

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

Chichagof Pass (108-10) (New for 2004): The waters of Chichagof Pass and Zimovia in Section 8B south of 56°24.5' N. latitude, and east of a line from Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. latitude, 132°32' W. longitude.

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

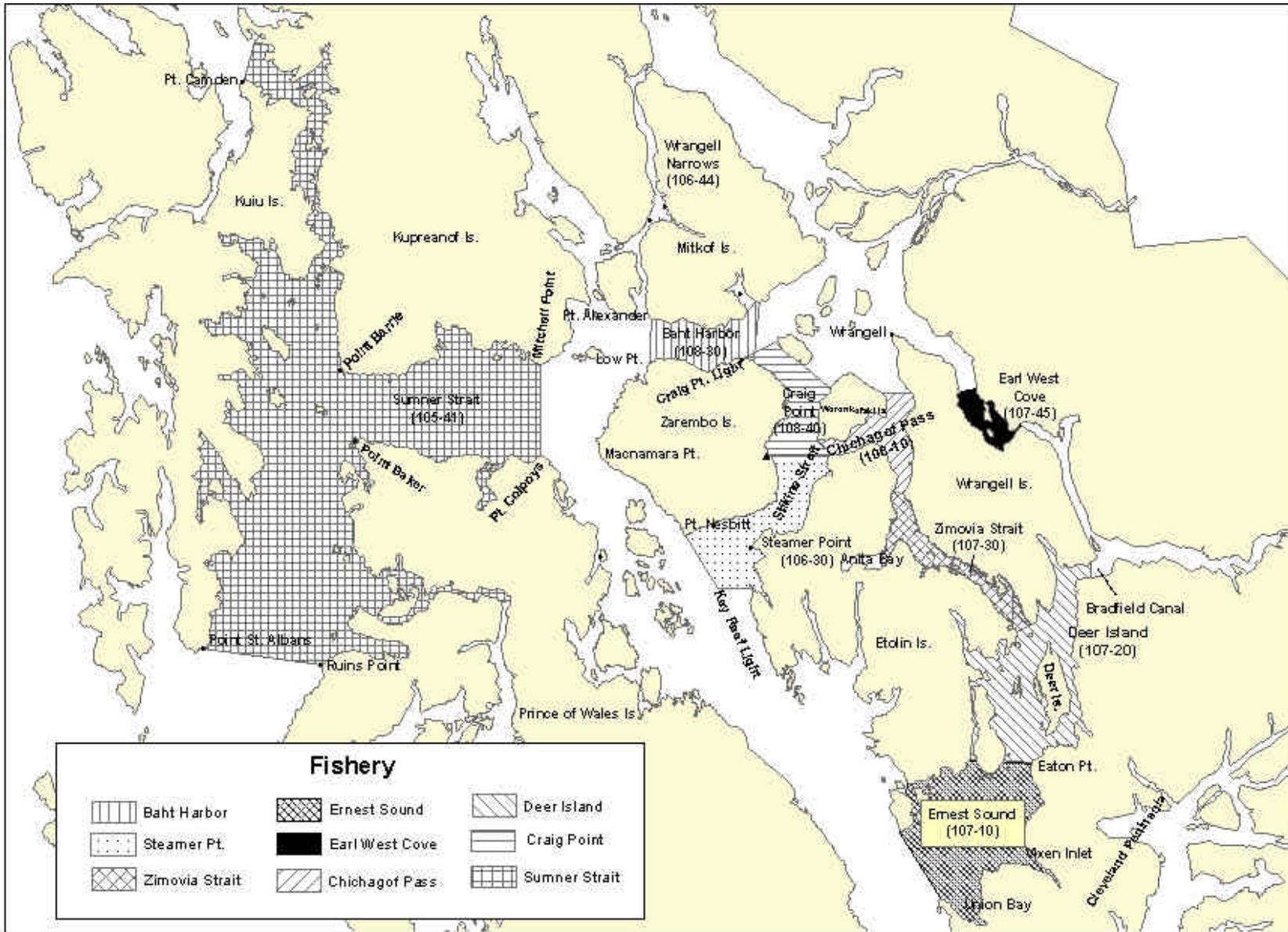


Figure 2. Wrangell and Prince of Wales spring trolling areas, 2004.

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas (Figure 3).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

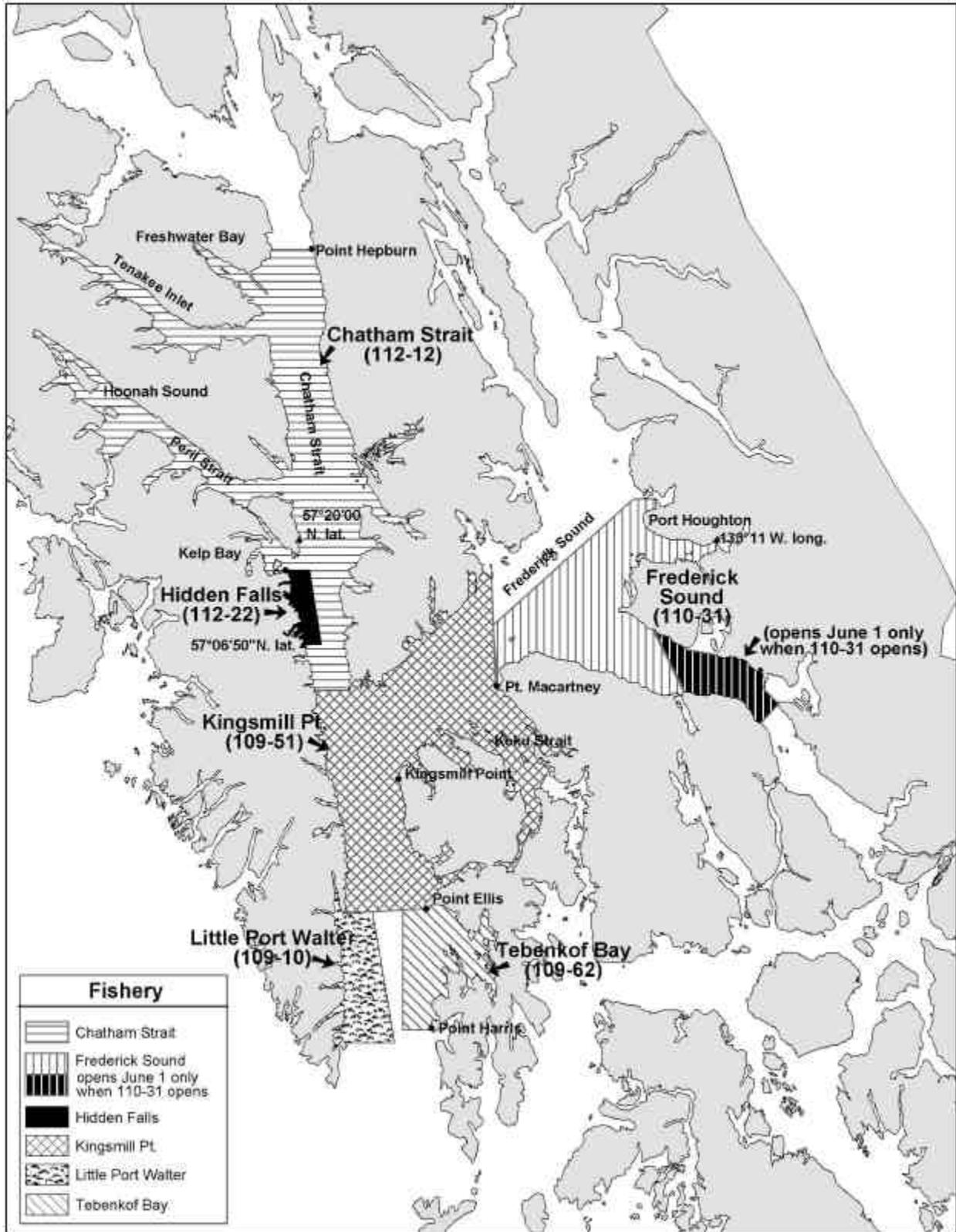


Figure 3. Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound spring troling areas, 2004.

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. latitude, 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. longitude and north of a line from Hanus Reef Light to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.90' N. latitude, 135°15.58' W. longitude to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Point Adolphus (Point Sophia area northern boundary).

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95): 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. latitude, 136°21.15' W. longitude

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. latitude then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

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

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

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97): 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. longitude, including the waters of Stag Bay.

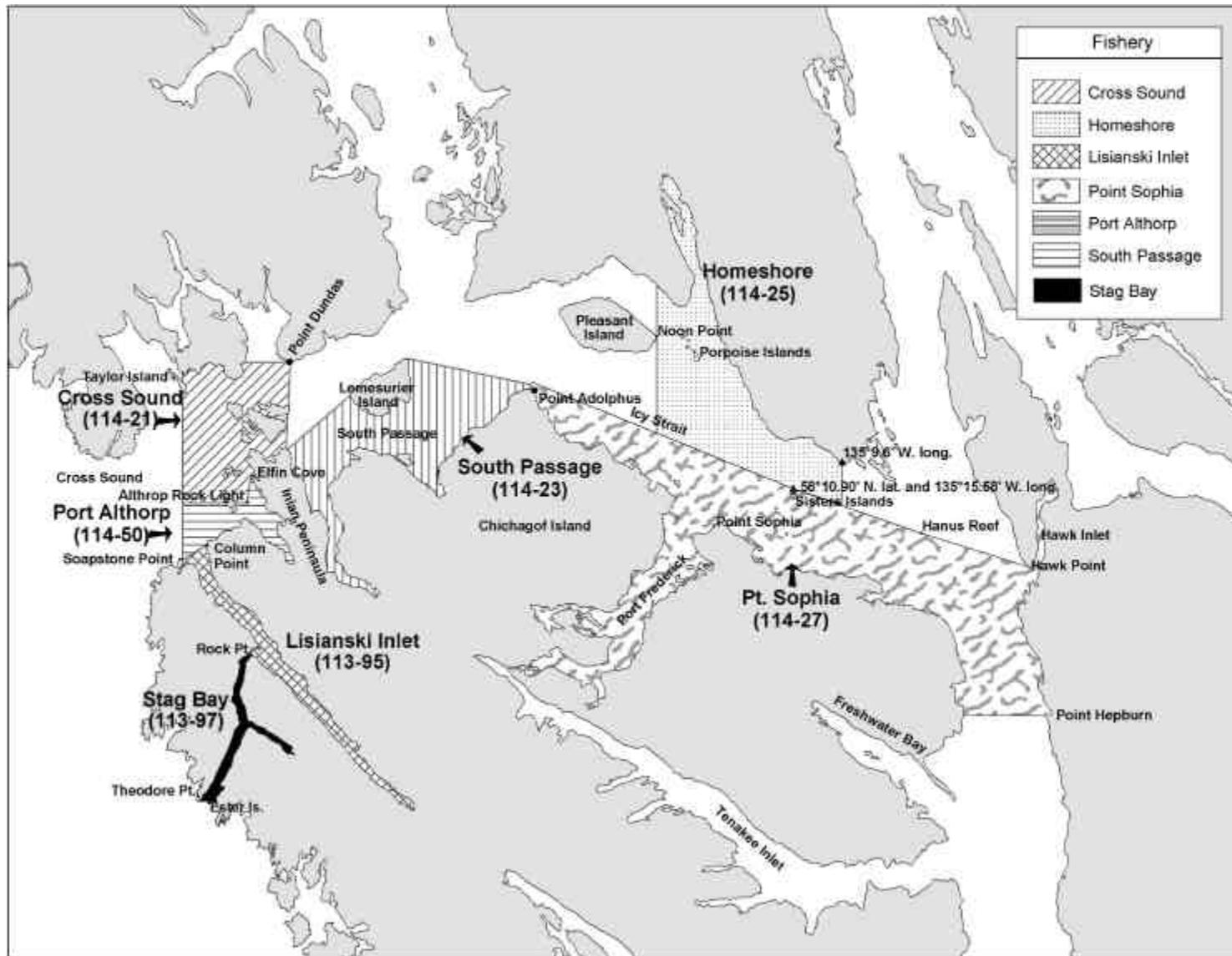


Figure 4. North Chatham and Icy Strait spring trolling areas, 2004.

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. latitude, 135°36' W. longitude, south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05' N. latitude, 135°35' W. longitude through 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): 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. latitude, 135°23.17' W. longitude

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

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

Middle Island (Fishery area 113-41): 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. latitude, 135°35' W. longitude 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): 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. latitude, waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46' W. longitude, and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15' N. latitude

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