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**SOUTHEAST COVE AND THOMAS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS
FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT**

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Northern Southeast Alaska Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) concerning salmon fisheries in the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay Terminal Harvest Areas (THAs) for 2019.

Southeast Cove THA

NSRAA is forecasting a total run of 1,776,000 summer chum salmon to the Southeast Cove THA.

The Southeast Cove THA are those waters of Keku Strait enclosed by a line from a rocky point on the northern end of Kuiu Island located on the east side of Southeast Cove at 56°52.95' N. lat., 134°01.33' W. long. to the northwest corner of Hound Island at 56°53.12' N. lat., 133°56.77' W. long., then northwest connecting points along the northern shore of Keku Islands at 56°53.98' N. lat., 133°57.58' W. long. to 56°54.90' N. lat., 133°59.53' W. long. to 56°55.93' N. lat., 134°00.97' W. long. to 56°55.95' N. lat., 134°02.15' W. long. to 56°55.22' N. lat., 134°02.53' W. long. to 56°56.37' N. lat., 134°06.62' W. long., then to the northwest corner of Payne Island at 56°57.45' N. lat., 134°08.75' W. long., then south to a point on Kuiu Island at 56°55.08' N. lat., 134°09.25' W. long.

Troll: will be open during those periods the purse seine fishery is closed from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 16, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Trollers are requested to avoid areas where active cost recovery fishing is occurring. Interference with cost recovery operation may result in area closures within the THA or closure of THA entirely.

Purse seine: will be open beginning Sunday, June 16, 2019. Purse seine openings will occur on Sundays and Thursdays, will occur through July 4, and will be announced via ADF&G news release. Openings for the remainder of July will be dependent on cost recovery operations. Contracts for cost recovery have been in place between the State of Alaska, NSRAA, and Trident Seafoods. Therefore, there is an obligation to provide 890,000 chum salmon to Trident for cost recovery. Common property openings in July will be dependent on meeting that obligation. The THA will close to all fisheries on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Thomas Bay THA

NSRAA is forecasting a total run of 10,000 chum salmon. This year's return will be the initial return for this project and will be comprised entirely of 3-year old fish. A portion of the run will be harvested in common property fisheries in Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound.

The Thomas Bay THA are those waters of Thomas Bay northeast of a line from Point Vandeput at 57°00.94' N. lat., 133°00.02' W. long., to Wood Point at 56°59.54' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long., northwest of a line from a point on the mainland shoreline at 56°59.57' N. lat., 132°54.02' W. long. to Ruth Island at 57°00.42' N. lat., 132°51.07' W. long., north of line from a point on the southeastern shoreline of Ruth Island at 56°58.70' N. lat., 132°49.13' W. long., to the mainland shoreline at 56°58.07' N. lat., 132°47.32' W. long., west of a line from the mainland shoreline at 56°59.38' N. lat., 132°47.60' W. long., to the southern tip of Spray Island at 56°59.80' N. lat., 132°47.73' W. long., to the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07' N. lat., 132°47.80' W. long., to the mainland shoreline at 57°00.56' N. lat., 132°47.57' W. long., and south of a line from 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°49.62' W. long., to 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°52.03' W. long. **with the following restrictions:**

Spurt Cove: waters of Spurt Cove are closed northwest of a line from 57°01.98' N. lat., 132°52.49' W. long., to 57°02.08' N. lat., 132°52.37' W. long.

Thomas Bay Bluffs: waters northeast of a line from the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07' N. lat., 132°47.80' W. long. to a point on the northern boundary line approximately 1.5 nautical mile (nmi) from the mainland shoreline at 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°50.55' W. long. are **closed every Saturday and Sunday of each week from 12:01 a.m., Saturday to 11:59 p.m., Sunday.**

Troll: will be open during those periods the purse seine fishery is closed from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 16, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Purse seine: will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday and Thursday each week from Sunday, June 16, 2019, through Thursday, August 1, 2019.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the SE Cove and Thomas Bay THAs: Chinook salmon harvested in the troll fishery may only be retained during those periods the summer troll fishery is open to retention of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon harvested in the purse seine fishery 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0919.

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