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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery.

The following terminal and special harvest areas (THA/SHA) will **open at 12:01 a.m., June 1, and will remain open until further notice:**

Port Armstrong SHA (109-11), Hidden Falls THA (112-22), Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33), and Silver Bay THA (113-35).

Additional THA/SHA openings for June are as follows:

Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) open June 1–30 to troll gear;
Anita Bay THA (107-35) open June 1, see troll gear schedule in April 5 Anita Bay news release;
Deep Inlet THA (113-38) open June 2, see troll gear schedule in April 12 Deep Inlet news release;
Neets Bay THA (101-95) open June 15, see troll gear schedule in April 22 Neets Bay news release;
Thomas Bay SHA (110-12) open June 16, see troll gear schedule in May 2 Thomas Bay news release;
Southeast Cove THA (109-41) open June 16, see troll gear schedule in May 2 SE Cove news release.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) May 14–15;

Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) May 12–13;

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30)* May 15–16;

Sitka Sound (113-41) May 12–14;

Salisbury Sound (113-62)* May 17–18;

**note the modified days of the week for Salisbury Sound and Redoubt Bay.*

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) May 13.

The Mountain Point, Rock Point, Western Channel, and Goddard spring troll areas will open initially during the week of June 2. The Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait enhanced chum salmon areas will open beginning June 15. The Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden enhanced chum salmon areas will open during the week of June 16. Initial openings in other spring troll areas will be announced in future news releases. Maps and further details are provided in the 2019 Spring Troll Management Plan, which is available in area offices and online.

As a correction to the Spring Troll Management Plan (page 18) and the April 24 spring troll news release, the Thomas Bay SHA is updated as follows:

In the 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°58.70' 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.

The 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.

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 .50 nautical mile (nmi) from the mainland shoreline at 57°03.00' N. lat., 132°50.55' W. long., **are closed Saturdays and Sundays of each week.**

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If more than one area is fished, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

2019 Spring Troll Effort and Chinook Salmon Harvest				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 5/5 (SW 19)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	18	55	42	171
Port Saint Nicholas (103-60)	4	15	14	40
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	–	–	12	84
Sitka Sound (113-41)	14	51	37	199
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	4	14	7	31
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	8	93	15	116
Totals for Region	48	228	127	641

*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0219, 1S0519.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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