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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Under provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty, an early seasonal assessment of coho salmon run strength is required to determine whether a closure of U.S./Canada boundary waters is necessary, based on troll catch rates in the troll Area 6 Southern Inside waters (Districts 101 and 102). If the Alaska Fisheries Performance Data (FPD) Area 6 troll fishery statistical weeks 27–29 average catch per boat day (CPUE) is between 15 and 22 coho salmon, Alaska will close its troll fishery beginning in statistical week 31 for 10 days in specified waters of the boundary area (Figure 1). The 2019 troll coho salmon CPUE in Area 6 during this time period is 16 coho salmon per day. Accordingly, the boundary area troll fishery will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., July 27, 2019. The fishery will be closed for 10 days, from July 28–August 6, 2019, and will reopen to the taking of all salmon (excluding Chinook salmon) at 12:01 a.m., August 7, 2019, unless a regionwide August coho conservation closure is in already effect, at which point the reopening date of the specified boundary area closed waters would be superseded to reopen with waters of the entire region. Concurrent to Alaska’s boundary area troll closure, Canada agrees to close its Northern troll fishery in Areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 and adjacent offshore areas for the same time period, July 28–August 6, 2019 (Figure 2). The waters of the Southeast Alaska (SEAK) troll boundary area closure are described below.

Waters south of a line from Male Point at 54°47.77' N. lat., 130°36.95' W. long. to Foggy Point at 54°55.33' N. lat., 130°58.72' W. long. to Duke Point at 54°55.33' N. lat., 131°11.87' W. long. to Percy Point at 54°56.82' N. lat., 131°36.97' W. long. to Rip Point at 55°02.25' N. lat., 131°58.85' W. long. to Leading Point at 54°48.72' N. lat., 132°22.42' W. long. to Dall Island at 54°48.72' N. lat., 132°49.01' W. long. to Sakie Point at 55°03.42' N. lat., 133°13.5' W. long. and then westward along the parallel of 55°03.42' N. lat. to the limit of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone will be closed.

The next coho salmon run strength assessment, which determines the necessity of an early August regional troll coho salmon conservation closure, will be announced in a future new release that will also provide an estimated fishery length and number of Chinook salmon remaining on the annual troll treaty harvest limit for a second summer Chinook salmon retention period.

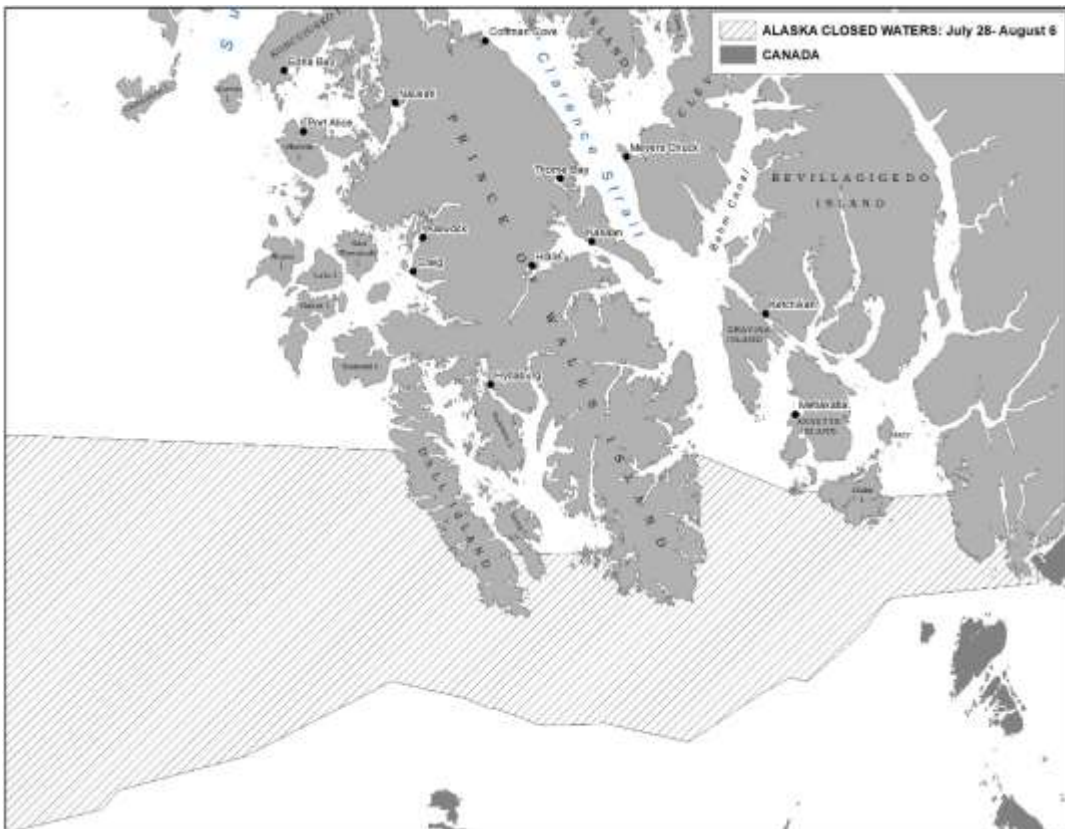


Figure 1.—Waters of Southern Southeast Alaska closed to trolling for coho salmon conservation, July 28–August 6.

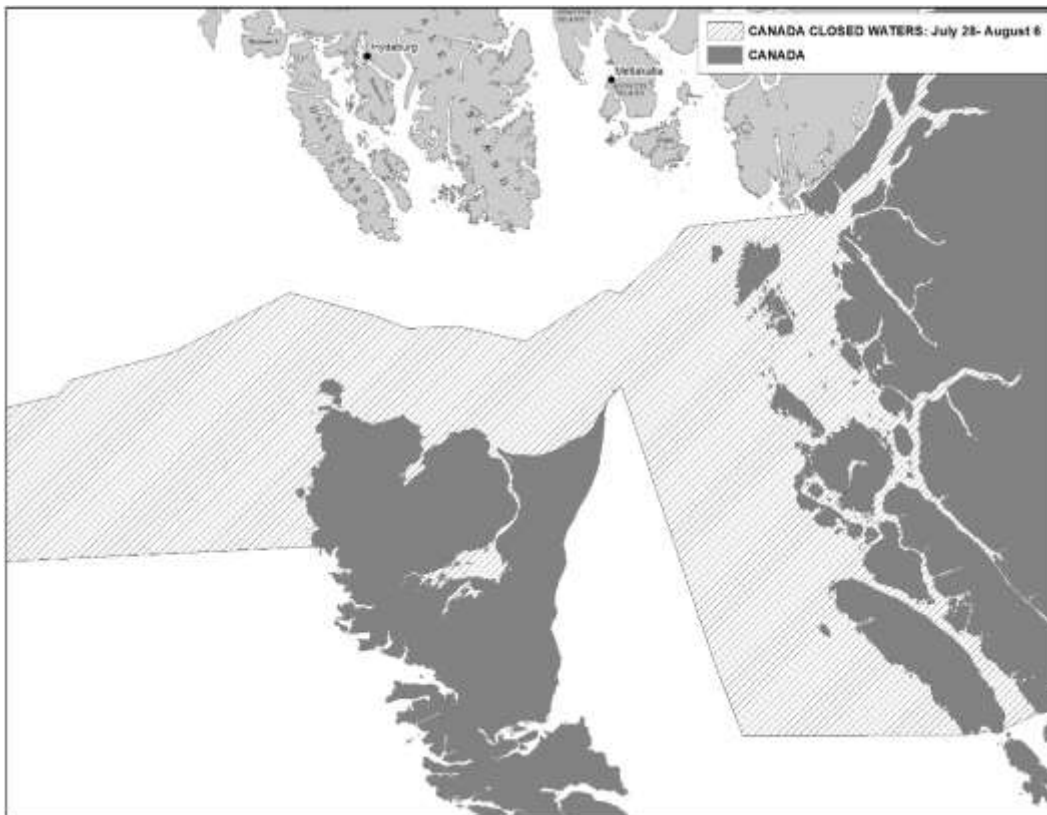


Figure 2.—Waters of Northern British Columbia, Canada closed to trolling for coho salmon conservation, July 28–August 6.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S3619.

Copies of the *2019 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan* may be obtained from department area offices or from the troll website:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

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