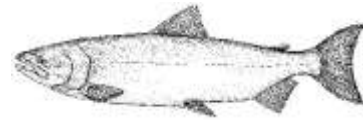

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NEETS BAY AREA COMMERCIAL TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay area:

The common property area within Neets Bay east of the longitude Chin Point and west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island will remain closed until further notice and will not open on August 2, 2019. The Neets Bay THA will also remain closed to commercial trolling in those waters east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. Trollers may continue to fish the waters of West Behm Canal outside of Neets Bay, west of the longitude of Chin Point, as part of the general summer fishery.

The return of summer chum salmon to the Neets Bay THA is well below expectations at this time. Cost recovery operations have been suspended indefinitely in an attempt to meet broodstock needs. Approximately 6,500 chum salmon passed over the barrier net before it was taken down to allow full recruitment. As of now, 2,500 chum salmon have recruited into the raceway at Neets Bay and 100 fish at Burnett. The number of chum salmon needed for broodstock is ~200,000 fish.

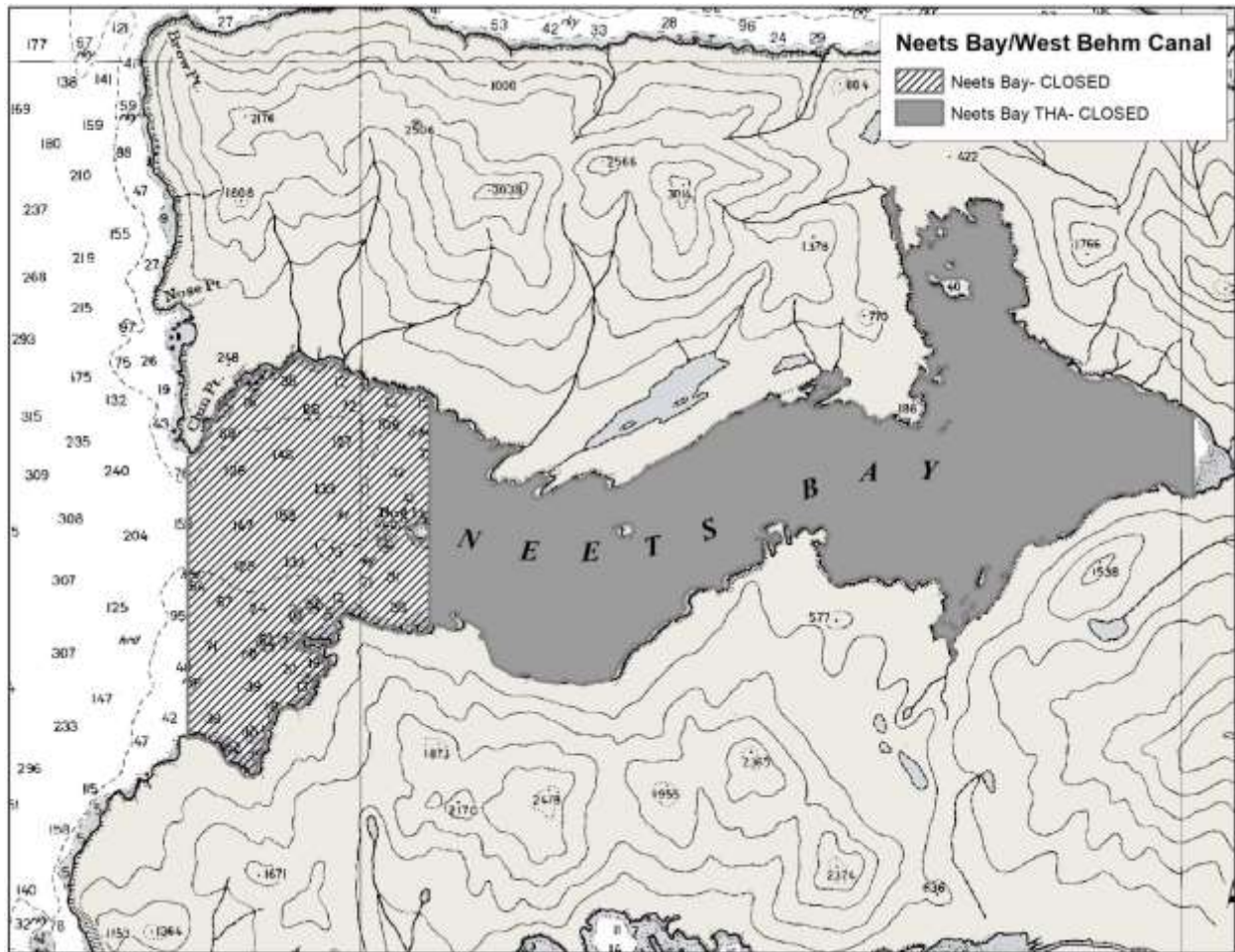


Figure 1.-Waters of Neets Bay and the Neets Bay THA closed to trolling until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4019.

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