SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The 2019–2020 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial winter troll fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 11, 2019. The fishery will continue through March 15, 2020, or until a total of 45,000 non-Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon are harvested [5 AAC 29.070 (a)(1) and 5 AAC 29.080 (a)].

The coordinates for the 2019–2020 winter troll fishery remain unchanged. These coordinates can be found in the 2019–2020 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan, and are described as follows [5 AAC 29.020(b)]:

(b) the winter fishery is confined to an area east of a line across Yakutat Bay from the westernmost tip of Point Manby at 59°41.66′ N. lat., 140°19.70′ W. long., to 59°40.02′ N. lat., 140°24.36′ W. long., to 59°31.25′ N. lat., 139°53.69′ W. long. to Ocean Cape at 59°32.06′ N. lat., 139°51.46′ W. long., and a line from the southernmost tip of Cape Spencer (58°12.62′ N. lat., 136°39.82′ W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Yakobi Rock (58°05.15′ N. lat., 136°33.79′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Cape Cross (57°54.70′ N. lat., 136°33.76′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Point Theodore (57°50.73′ N. lat., 136°27.52′ W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Cape Edward to the westernmost tip of Khaz Point to the westernmost tip of Point Slocum to the westernmost tip of Cape Georgiana (57°19.78′ N. lat., 135°51.79′ W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Point Amelia (57°13.40′ N. lat., 135°52.67′ W. long.) to Cape Edgecumbe Light (56°59.89′ N. lat., 135°51.48′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Point Woodhouse (56°50.05′ N. lat., 135°32.56′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Rogers Island to the westernmost tip of Aspid Cape (56°41.18′ N. lat., 135°13.72′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of North Cape (56°35.68′ N. lat., 135°08.37′ W. long.) to 56°22.77′ N. lat., 134°57.00′ W. long., to 56°19.50′ N. lat., 134°54.00′ W. long. to the southwesternmost tip of Puffin Point to the northwesternmost tip of Bahrovoi Point to the southernmost tip of Cape Ommaney (56°09.63′ N. lat., 134°40.25′ W. long.) to Nation Point (55°55.66′ N. lat., 134°20.10′ W. long.) to Helm Point (55°49.42′ N. lat., 134°16.95′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Cape Addington (55°26.28′ N. lat., 133°49.49′ W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Cape Chirikof (55°18.14′ N. lat., 133°41.49′ W. long.) to Cape Bartolome Light to the southernmost tip of Cape Felix (55°12.49′ N. lat., 133°24.97′ W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Bruin Point to the westernmost tip of Sakie
Point to the westernmost tip of Cape Augustine to the westernmost tip of Rockwell Point to the westernmost tip of Ritter Point to the westernmost tip of Point Bazan to the westernmost tip of Security Point to Point Cornwallis Light to the southernmost tip of Liscome Point to the westernmost tip of Wolk Point to 54°39.87′ N. lat., 132°43.53′ W. long., to Cape Muzon Light to the southernmost tip of Point Nunez to the southernmost tip of Cape Chacon (54°41.37′ N. lat., 132°01.08′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of West Rock (54°48.60′ N. lat., 131°29.94′ W. long.) to the southernmost tip of Yellow Rocks (54°48.60′ N. lat., 131°29.94′ W. long.) to Tree Point Light to Lord Rock Light to a point on the International Boundary at 130°49.00′ W. long.

CLOSED WATERS
In addition to the winter troll closed waters described under 5 AAC 29.080 (b), trollers are reminded that the waters of Section 15-A are closed to troll gear through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 31, 2019.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (THA)
As previously announced, the Hidden Falls THA will be open to trolling through October 10 for all salmon species except Chinook, while the Anita Bay (open to all salmon species), and Nakat Inlet (open to all salmon species except Chinook) THAs will be open to trolling through November 10. Chinook salmon retention will be allowed in the waters of THAs and Special Harvest Areas (SHA) as part of the general winter troll fishery once those areas close and cease to function as THAs and SHAs.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS
Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery. In addition to the reporting requirements specified in 5 AAC 39.130, trollers and processors are requested to record a 5-digit statistical area for salmon and the corresponding 6-digit statistical area for groundfish bycatch on fish tickets as well as trip starting, ending, and landing dates.

The 2019–2020 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan is available in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7719.