



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2020 NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ketchikan . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) for 2020.

SSRAA is forecasting total returns of 662,300 summer chum, 11,400 Chinook, 108,800 coho, and 52,900 fall chum salmon to Neets Bay.

The Neets Bay THA consists of those waters east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14' W. long. (Bug Island line). The THA will **NOT** expand to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W. long., until Wednesday, July 1, 2020. This expansion to Chin Point on July 1 is for troll gear only. This modification to regulation is an added measure to conserve Unuk and Chickamin rivers Chinook salmon that are transiting the area at this time.

The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. long., until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

**Troll:**

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 6. The Neets Bay THA will expand to the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W. long., on Wednesday, July 1, for troll gear only. Additionally, the Neets Bay THA east of Chin Point and west of the Bug Island line will be closed for Chinook retention.

**Net Fisheries:**

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 17, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 6, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear as follows:

**Drift Gillnet:**

12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 18 **only in those waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Mid-bay line that begins on the northern shore of Neets Bay at 55°47.62' N. lat., 131°34.50' W. long., to the southern shore of Neets Bay at 55°46.83' N. lat., 131°34.36' W. long.;**

12:00 noon, Sunday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Thursday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 26 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Monday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Friday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 4 **east of the Mid-bay line.**

**Purse Seine:**

12:00 noon, Friday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 20 **only in those waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Mid-bay line that begins on the northern shore of Neets Bay at 55°47.62' N. lat., 131°34.50' W. long., to the southern shore of Neets Bay at 55°46.83' N. lat., 131°34.36' W. long.;**

12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 24 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Saturday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 28 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 2 **east of the Bug Island line;**  
 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 6 **east of the Mid-bay line.**

**All Commercial Fisheries:**

The Neets Bay THA will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups** at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 6, so that cost recovery and broodstock collection can take place. If additional openings are warranted, they will be announced by advisory announcement.

A map of the Neets Bay THA is included on this advisory announcement and is available on the SSRAA website at <https://ssraa.org/> or at the Ketchikan ADF&G office.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0120.

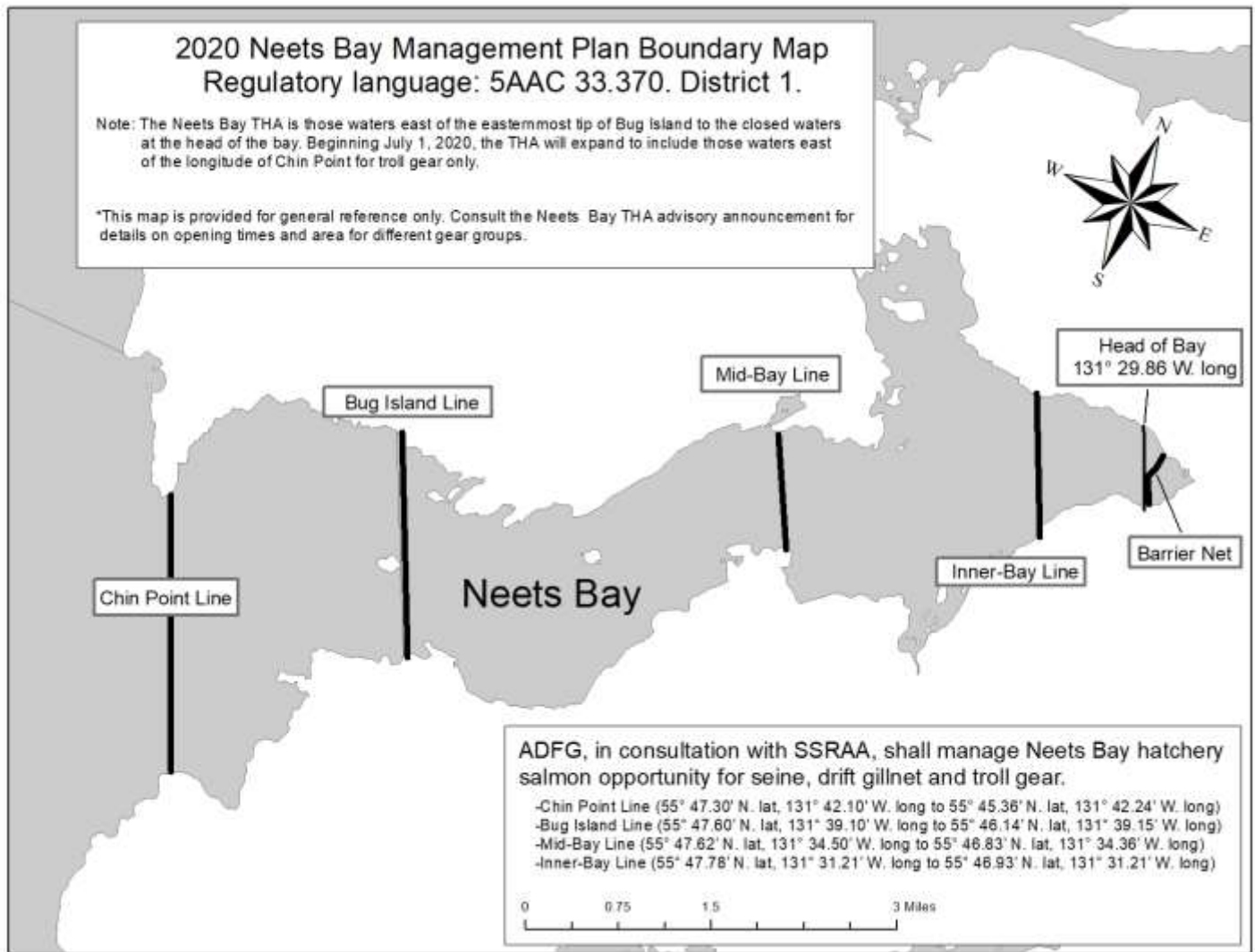


Figure 1. Map of Neets Bay THA and relevant lines.

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