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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the following information concerning the 2021 commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

| Craig area | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Bucareli Bay (103-50) | May 18 |
| Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) | May 16–17 |
| Sitka area | |
| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | May 19-20 |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | May 15–19 |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | May 20-22 |
| Yakutat area | |
| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | May 17 |

Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday. Spring troll fishery openings begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. The Western Channel, Goddard, West Crawfish Inlet, Mountain Point, and Rock Point spring troll Chinook areas will open initially during the week of May 30. The Northern Chatham Strait, Point Couverden, Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15: Chinook salmon retention is prohibited. Maps of spring troll and THA/SHA areas and additional details on the fishery are provided in the 2021 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan, available in area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring.

Fishing time in an area may be extended based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data and historical harvest timing information. **Trollers are reminded it is a regulatory requirement to segregate fish caught in different fishery areas so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel.** If salmon are harvested in multiple areas, each troller and tender is required to report these catches on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

Terminal and Special Harvest Area (THA/SHA) troll openings will occur as follows, unless closed by emergency order. Opening and closing times vary by area, refer to the appropriate THA advisory announcements for fishery details.

| Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) | June 1–July 10; July 25–November 10 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) | June 1–30 |
| Neets Bay THA (101-95) | June 15–July 6 |
| Anita Bay THA (107-35) | June 1–July 12; August 10–November 10 |
| Port Armstrong SHA (109-11) | June 1–September 20 |
| Southeast Cove THA (109-41) | June 20–August 7 |
| Thomas Bay SHA (110-12) | June 20–August 7 |
| Hidden Falls THA (112-22) | June 1–September 20 |
| Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33) | June 1–September 20 |
| Silver Bay THA (113-35) | June 1–July 30 |
| Deep Inlet THA (113-38) | June 1– September 25 |

| 2021 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| | Week of 5/9 | (SW 20) | Cumulative | | | | | |
| Spring Troll Area | Landings | Harvest | Landings | Harvest | | | | |
| Bucareli Bay (103-50) | 26 | 415 | 57 | 694 | | | | |
| Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) | 15 | 149 | 25 | 196 | | | | |
| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | 3 | 35 | 12 | 72 | | | | |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | 36 | 396 | 71 | 637 | | | | |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | 0 | 0 | 13 | 130 | | | | |
| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | 19 | 118 | 48 | 264 | | | | |
| Totals for Region | 99 | 1,113 | 226 | 1,993 | | | | |

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

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0221, 1S0621.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.</u>

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