



Advisory Announcement
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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be closed to commercial troll, drift gillnet, and purse seine common property fisheries effective 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2021. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has requested the department close the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial salmon fisheries at the end of the drift gillnet opening on Monday, August 13, 2021, to protect returning chum and coho salmon for broodstock. At Bear Cove (Medvejie Hatchery) NSRAA has utilized 95,000 chum salmon for broodstock to date resulting in 65-million eggs collected out of a 92-million egg-take goal. Currently it is estimated that 20,000 chum salmon are staged in Bear Cove and, due to a high proportion of male chum salmon encountered during egg collections so far, an additional 10,000–15,000 chum salmon may be needed to achieve the egg collection goal. Additionally, the high percentage of returning 3-year-old chum salmon is contributing to the increased number of fish needed to obtain the egg-take goal. The brood stock goal for Medvejie coho production is 3,000 adult coho salmon. There are currently an estimated 500–700 coho salmon in Bear Cove available for broodstock.

NSRAA will continue to monitor the chum and coho salmon runs to both Bear Cove and Deep Inlet, but a re-opening of the Deep Inlet THA this season is unlikely.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E2421.

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/>.

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