



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2021, to the retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon, with the following restrictions:**

The waters of frequent high king salmon abundance [5 AAC 29.025] and general regulatory closed waters specified in 5 AAC 29.150, will remain closed. Additional area closures in Districts 15 and 181 are in effect as implemented through restrictions set by emergency order under 5 AAC 29.100(g) and (i)(2) (Figure 1.).

Notwithstanding troll fishery coho salmon harvest rates, which were below long-term averages throughout much of the region this summer, a season extension is being implemented as the department has projected regional coho salmon escapement goals will be met and fish in excess of escapement needs are available for harvest. Considering the substantially reduced troll fleet effort, the department estimates that 2021 wild stock coho salmon troll harvest will remain similar to the recent 5-year average and near the record low harvests of 2019–2020.

Landing Requirements

All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing, and any vessel whose port of landing is outside the State of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported outside of the jurisdiction of the state [5 AAC 39.130(c)]. The fish ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of salmon by species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded. All fish harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

Several Terminal Harvest Areas (THAs) will continue to be open to troll gear according to management plans and advisory announcements specific to each area.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10, 2021.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95), will remain closed for the 2021 season.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to retention of all salmon species through 12:00 noon, November 10, 2021.

The Port Armstrong SHA (109-11) will close at 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2021.

The Mist Cove SHA (109-13) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2021, with the following restriction: Waters south of a line from 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.20' W long to 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.12' W long are closed.

The Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2021, with the following restriction: Waters are closed north and west of a line from regulatory markers located at 57°13.17' N lat, 134°51.86' W long to 57°13.08' N lat, 134°52.02' W long and in the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N lat, 134°52.24' W long to 57°13.06' N lat, 134°52.20' W long.

The Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33) will close at 11:59 p.m., September 20; however, the waters of Crawfish Inlet will remain open through 11:59 p.m., September 30 as part of the traditional summer troll coho salmon fishery.

The Bear Cove SHA (113-35) and Deep Inlet THA (113-38) closed September 13 and 14; however, waters of the SHA and THA may reopen to troll gear if the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association meets broodstock needs for coho and chum salmon.

Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2021. The *2021–2022 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available in all ADF&G offices and on the troll fishery website by the second week of October.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S1921, 1S6821, and 1E2321–1E2721.

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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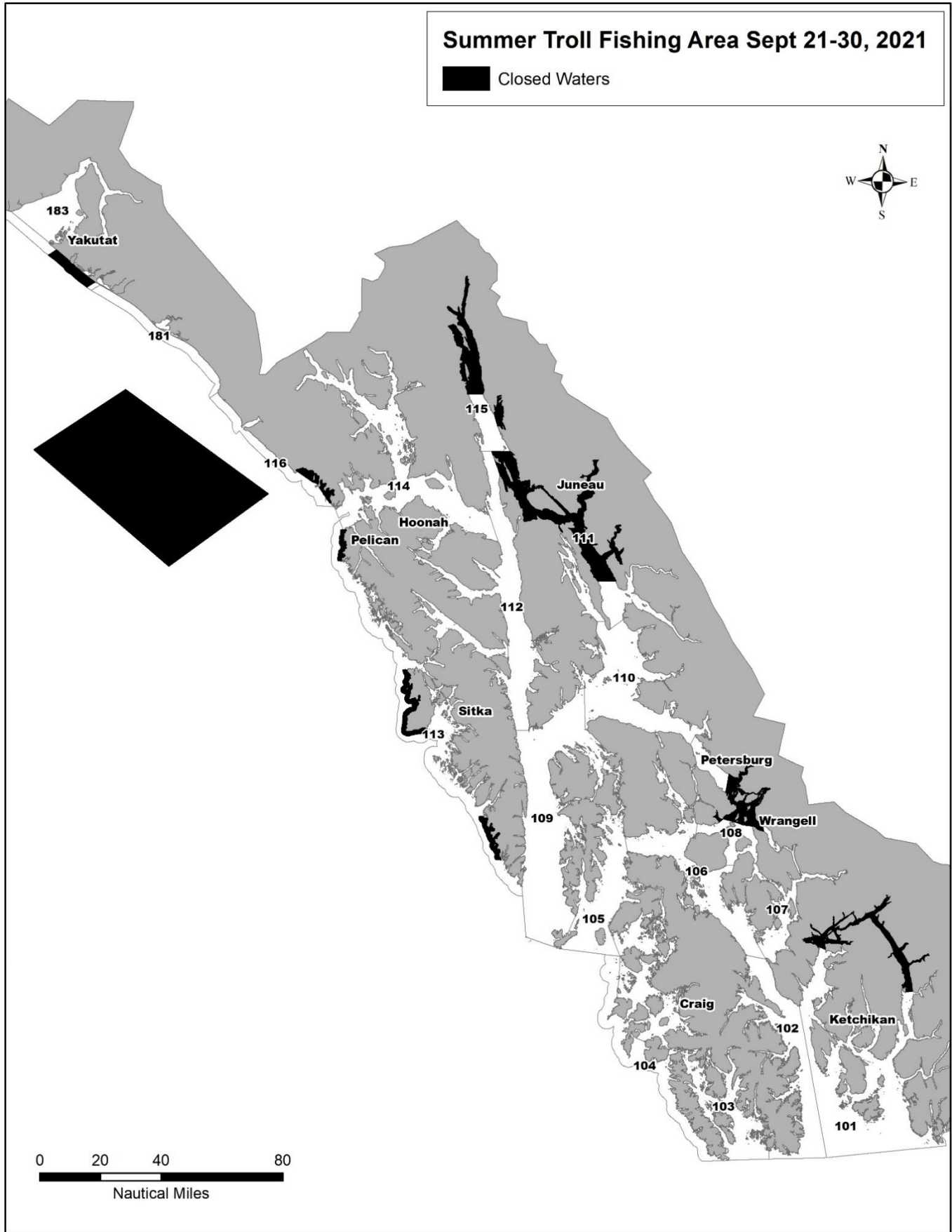


Figure 1. Summer Troll Fishing Area September 21-30, 2021