



Advisory Announcement
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ANITA BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) is forecasting total runs of 275,000 summer chum, 7,700 Chinook, and 10,100 coho salmon to the Anita Bay release site in 2023. It is anticipated that 112,300 summer chum, 6,200 Chinook, and 4,800 coho salmon will be available for harvest in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

Anita Bay THA is scheduled to close to common property commercial salmon fishing at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 15. SSRAA is currently planning to conduct cost recovery efforts from Sunday, July 16 through Saturday, August 12. If cost recovery objectives are met before August 12, common property fishing could be reopened. When cost recovery efforts cease in August, the area will be open to rotational harvest beginning with purse seine, through Thursday, August 31. Any openings prior to September 1 will be announced by a subsequent advisory announcement.

The Anita Bay THA will be open continuously to harvest salmon with troll gear from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 15, and from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Friday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will be open to harvest salmon with drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12, then on a rotational basis from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13, through 12:00 noon, Friday, July 14, and again 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 31, then concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 12:00 noon, Friday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will close for the season at 12:00 noon, Friday, November 10, 2023.

Anita Bay THA consists of those waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68' N lat, 132°22.48' W long to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26' N lat, 132°23.93' W long.

Waters closed to commercial salmon fishing within the THA include:

- (1) from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Friday, June 16, the waters of the Anita Bay THA north and east of a line from 56°12.90' N lat, 132°24.51' W long to 56°12.75' N lat, 132°23.50' W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon with commercial seine and drift gillnet gear;
- (2) from Thursday, June 15, through Sunday, June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19' W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (3) from Monday, June 26, through Saturday, July 1, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98' W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (4) and from Sunday, July 2, through Thursday, July 6, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00' W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon.

From 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 10, waters within 0.25 nautical mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33' N lat, 132°26.19' W long to 56°12.06' N lat, 132°26.19' W long and east of a line from 56°11.96' N lat, 132°29.57' W long to 56°11.73' N lat, 132°29.36' W long will be open.

Beginning Tuesday, June 13, the following rotation schedules will be in effect through Friday, July 14, unless changed by a subsequent announcement.

Purse Seine

- From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 14
- From 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 18
- From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 22
- From 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26
- From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 30
- From 12:00 noon, Monday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4
- From 12:00 noon, Friday, July 7, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 8
- From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 12

Drift Gillnet

- From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 16
- From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 20
- From 12:00 noon, Friday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 24
- From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 28
- From 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 2
- From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 6
- From 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 9, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 10
- From 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 13, to 12:00 noon, Friday, July 14

The gear rotations scheduled to begin on August 13, may occur sooner to aid cost recovery efforts. Rotations will begin with purse seine and continue through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 31. A subsequent announcement will delineate the final rotation schedule.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Troll Gear: Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA that are 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Purse Seine Gear: All Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA may be retained and sold from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0123.

Advisory announcement website: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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