



Advisory Announcement

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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 2023 commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF INITIAL SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	May 22–23
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	May 24–25
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	May 21–26
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	May 26–27

Sitka area

Redoubt Bay (113-30)	May 25–26
Sitka Sound (113-41)	May 20–24
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	May 24–26

Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	May 22
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Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday; open fishing periods may be extended by emergency order based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data. Spring troll fishery openings begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. The Western Channel, Goddard, and West Crawfish Inlet spring troll areas will open initially during the week of May 28, and the Mountain Point and Rock Point spring troll areas will open on June 8. The Northern Chatham Strait, Point Couverden, Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15; **however, Chinook salmon retention is prohibited in these fisheries. Maps of spring troll and terminal harvest areas (THA)** and additional details on the fishery are available in ADF&G area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring.

It is extremely important to segregate fish harvested in different fishery areas so that department personnel can collect accurate dockside sampling information. If salmon are harvested in multiple areas during a spring troll fishing trip, the vessel operator is **required to keep fish harvested in each spring fishery separate** from any other fish on board the vessel. Similarly, the fish buyer is **required to create a separate fish ticket for each fishery area** that documents the dates fished, number of salmon, fishery name, and salmon statistical area number for each area fished (5 AAC 29.090[k]). Fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G within 7 days of landing.

THA 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. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in these THAs during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100.

Nakat Inlet THA (101-10)	June 1–November 10
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1–30
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 15–until closed by emergency order
Kendrick Bay THA (102-15)	June 15–September 30
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1–July 31
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1–July 15; TBD pending cost recovery results–November 10
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	June 1–June 30
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	TBD pending cost recovery results
Thomas Bay THA (110-12)	June 18–August 5
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 20

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0423, 1S0723.

2023 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 5/14 (SW 20)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	9	28	9	28
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	8	52	8	52
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	22	87	22	87
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	0	0	0	0
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	4	10	12	78
Sitka Sound (113-41)	27	348	63	681
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	0	0	4	34
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	13	67	28	164
Totals for Region	83	592	146	1,124

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

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