



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**CRAWFISH INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY**

The **Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** salmon troll fishery will open for the harvest of salmon at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 1, and remain open until closed by emergency order.

The Crawfish Inlet THA (**statistical area 113-33**) consists of the waters east of a line from 56°44.16' N lat, 135°15.80' W long, to 56°43.30' N lat, 135°17.80' W long, to 56°41.93' N lat, 135°17.54' W long, to 56°41.14' N lat, 135°13.80' W long, including the waters of Jamboree Bay and Cedar Pass south of 56°47.14' N lat, and Crawfish Inlet west of 135°11.05' W long (Figure 1). The waters of the Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) east of 135°11.05' W long are included as part of the Crawfish Inlet THA by emergency order.

**Chinook salmon**

Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the Crawfish Inlet THA during the spring troll fishery from June 1 through June 30. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., July 1, Chinook salmon may be retained and possessed in the Crawfish THA only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c).

**Other salmon**

Coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon retention is permitted during open fishing periods from June 1 through September 20. Under the provisions of the Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan, the commissioner may open a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery in the Crawfish Inlet THA and adjacent waters of West Crawfish Inlet where trollers may target chum salmon during the summer coho troll fishery closure. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained; however, coho and Chinook salmon may not be retained during these fisheries (5 AAC 29.112). Information on modifications to the THA and open fishing area in West Crawfish Inlet under provisions of the chum fishery plan will be provided in a future advisory announcement detailing the summer coho troll fishery closure.

**Chum salmon cost recovery and seine fishery**

NSRAA is forecasting a run of 867,000 chum salmon to Crawfish Inlet in 2023. Cost recovery is expected to begin in late July, with common property seine openings occurring on Sundays and Thursdays upon the completion of cost recovery. **The chum troll fishery is open in the SHA during cost recovery operations but may close if conflicts arise. The THA will be open to troll gear continuously, however, waters opened for common property seine fisheries will be closed to troll gear on the designated seine days.** Trollers are encouraged refer to future announcements regarding this fishery.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0923.

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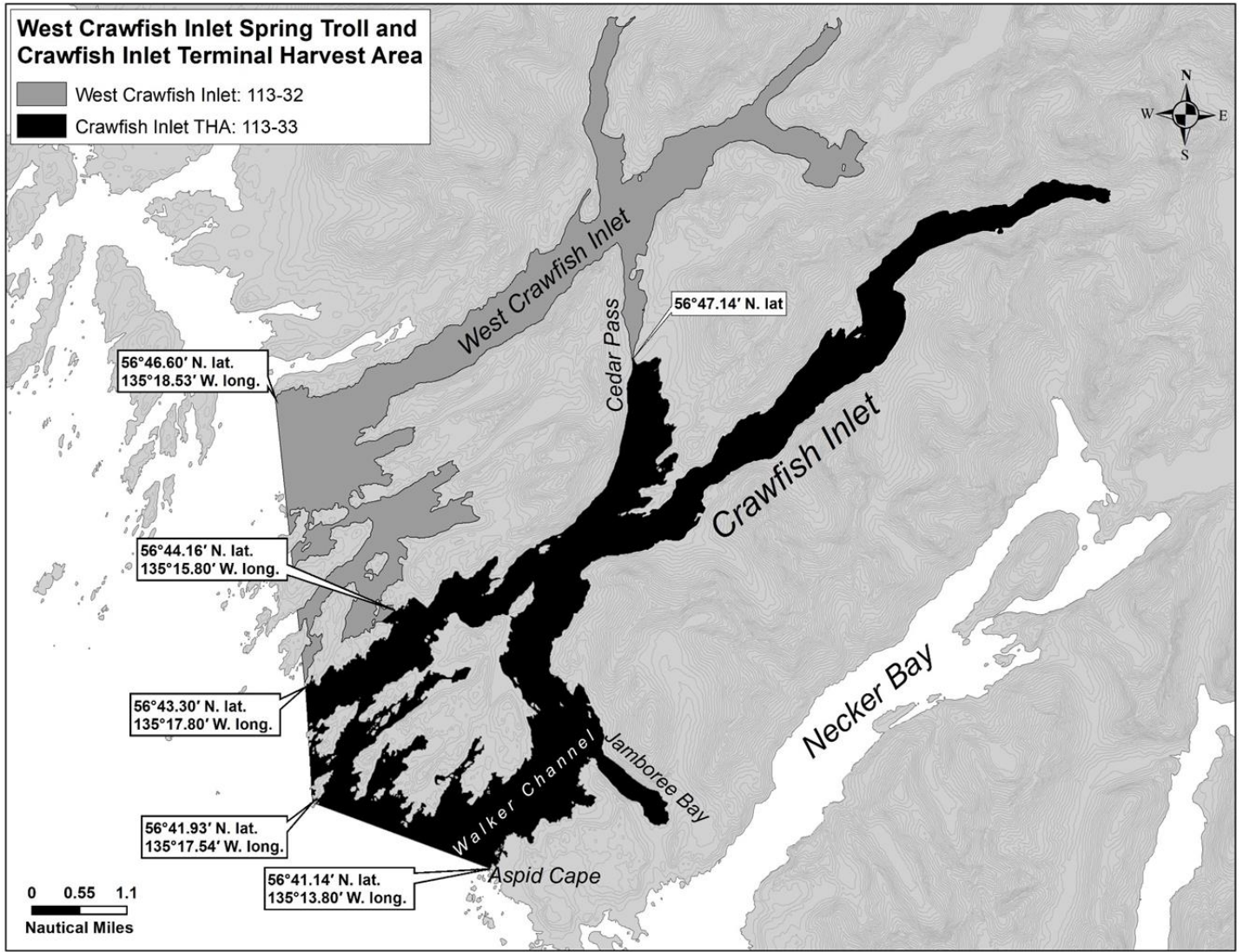


Figure 1.—West Crawfish Inlet Spring Troll and Crawfish Inlet Terminal and Special Harvest Areas.