



Advisory Announcement

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HIDDEN FALLS TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY

The **Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** commercial 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 Hidden Falls THA (**statistical area 112-22**) is modified by emergency order to include only those waters of Chatham Strait within approximately 1 nautical mile (nmi) of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°51.81' W long, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°49.94' W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°45.37' W long. Beginning June 25, the THA will expand to include waters of Chatham Strait within approximately 2 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline and within the boundaries of a line from South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°51.81' W long to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°48.00' W long, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°43.00' W long, then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°47.53' W long. **Troll fishery participants are advised that the area description for the Hidden Falls THA has been modified and new coordinates are added by emergency order. Coordinates for the southern boundary have been updated from those provided in the Southeast Alaska/Yakutat Spring Troll Fishery advisory announcement issued on April 19, 2023.**

The waters of the Hidden Falls THA that are north and west of a line from ADF&G 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 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 **are closed to commercial salmon fishing** (5 AAC 33.374[g]).

Chinook and chum salmon

Chinook and chum salmon retention is permitted in the Hidden Falls 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 Hidden Falls THA only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c). Additionally, effective July 1, the number of chum salmon permitted on board a troll vessel or recorded on a fish ticket from the Hidden Falls THA, may not exceed the number of Chinook salmon on board the troll vessel or recorded on a fish ticket. Consequently, chum salmon may only be retained in the summer troll fishery during an open Chinook salmon troll fishing period.

Coho salmon

Coho salmon retention is permitted during open fishing periods from June 1 through September 20, unless closed by emergency order. During a season when the general summer troll season is extended in District 12, the Hidden Falls THA season will also be extended (5 AAC 33.374[e]).

Coho salmon fishing will remain open to trollers in the Hidden Falls THA during the mid-August troll fishery closure; however, the open fishing area is reduced and restricted to an area within approximately 1 nmi from the Baranof Island shoreline south of 57°15.00' N lat, north of 57°10.00' N lat, and west of a line from 57°15.00' N lat, 134°48.60' W long to 57°10.00' N lat, 134°46.40' W long (5 AAC 33.374[e]). A map of modifications to the THA and open fishing area will be provided in a future advisory announcement detailing the summer coho troll fishery closure.

Other salmon

Pink and sockeye salmon retention is permitted during open fishing periods from June 1 through September 20, unless closed by emergency order.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1123.

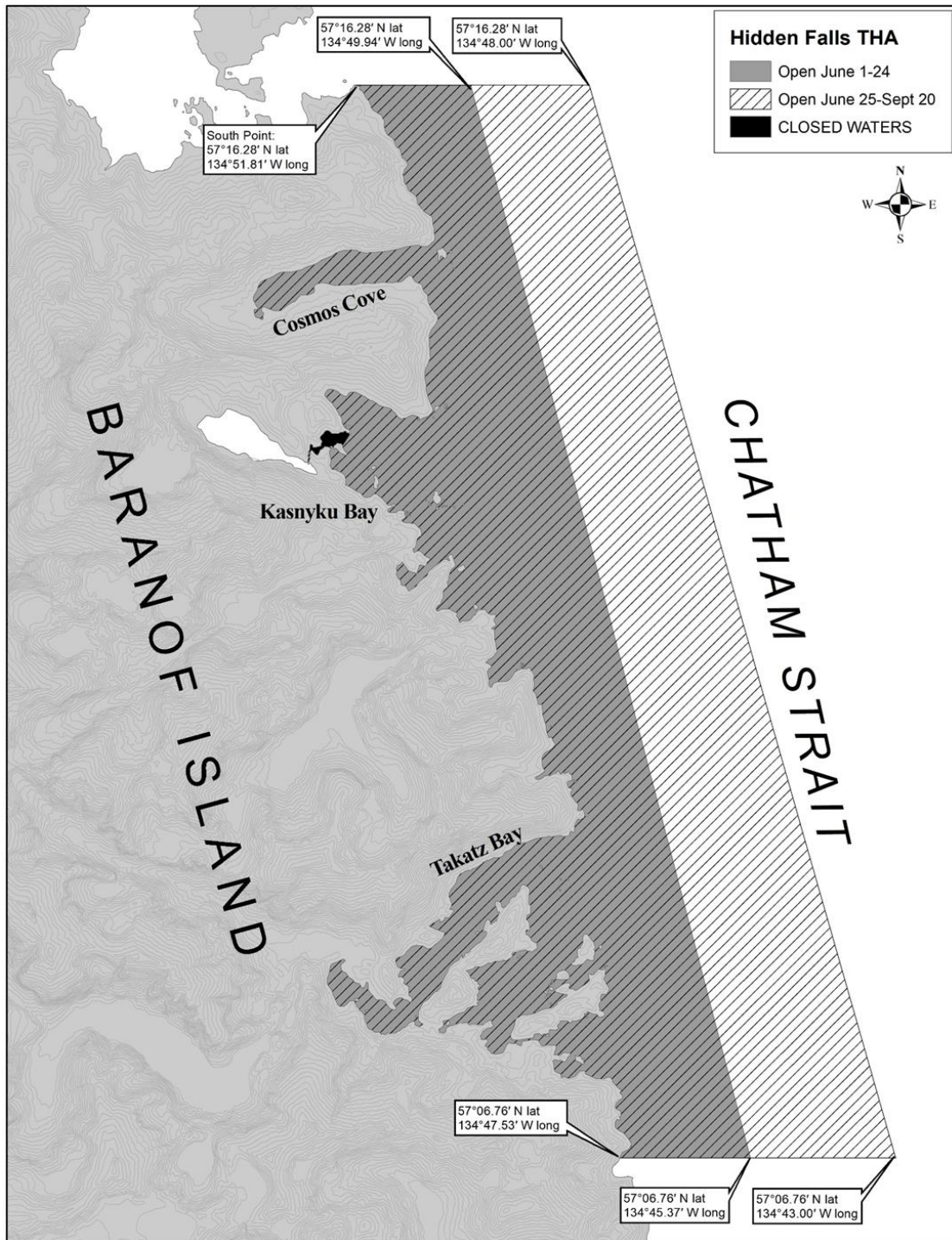


Figure 1.–Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area.

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