



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 SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

Ketchikan area

Mountain Point (101-45)	June 25–30
Rock Point (101-46)	June 25–30

Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 25–29
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	June 25–28
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	June 25–28

Sitka area

Western Channel (113-01)	June 26–28
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	CLOSED
Goddard (113-31)	June 26–28
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	June 26–28
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 24–30
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 26–29

Icy Strait/Northern Chatham/Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas

Keku Strait (109-42)	June 15–30	<i>closed to Chinook salmon retention</i>
Cross Sound (114-21)	June 15–30	<i>closed to Chinook salmon retention</i>
South Passage (114-23)	June 15–30	<i>closed to Chinook salmon retention</i>
Homeshore (114-25)	June 15–30	<i>closed to Chinook salmon retention</i>
Point Couverden (114-26)	June 26–29	<i>pink and chum salmon retention only</i>
Northern Chatham Strait (112-16)	June 26–29	<i>pink and chum salmon retention only</i>

Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	June 29
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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. 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.

SILVER BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA

In the Silver Bay THA (statistical area 113-35) commercial salmon troll fishery, the open period for the allowable harvest of king salmon 26-inches and greater has been extended, and retention of these fish is now permitted from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 17 through **11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 30, 2023**, unless closed by emergency order (5 AAC 33.375). Permit holders are advised that they must offload all Chinook salmon under 28-inches that are taken in the THA prior to fishing in areas where retention of Chinook salmon less than 28-inches is prohibited

As previously published in the June 7 Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) advisory announcement, the waters of Bear Cove, within the Silver Bay THA, are closed.

SCHEDULE OF TERMINAL HARVEST AREA OPENINGS

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–until closed by emergency order
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–until closed by emergency order
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1–until closed by emergency order
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1–until closed by emergency order
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–until closed by emergency order
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1–until closed by emergency order
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1–until closed by emergency order
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1–until closed by emergency order
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 1–until closed by emergency order

All salmon harvested during the spring troll fishery must be offloaded from a vessel prior to participating in the summer troll fishery.

2023 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Week of 6/18 (SW 25)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Mountain Point (101-45)	27	537	89	1,480
Rock Point (101-46)	7	62	18	213
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	*	*	12	53
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	13	99	85	502
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	10	125	76	607
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	CLOSED		46	193
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	10	146	34	390
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	4	23	108	851
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	*	*	15	140
Western Channel (113-01)	22	339	55	835
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	12	196	128	2,265
Goddard (113-31)	15	309	41	835
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	*	*	10	155
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	4	54	27	617
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	*	*	8	116
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	0	0	5	37
Sitka Sound (113-41)	88	1,267	385	4,333
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	5	94	58	926
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	0	0	67	344
Totals for Region	223	3,341	1,276	14,853

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

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0423, 1S1923, 1E0123, 1E0223, 1E0323, 1E0423, 1E0523, 1E0623, 1E0823, 1E0923, 1E1023, 1E1123, 1E1223, 1E1423, and 1E1523.

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