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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) **will be closed to all common property commercial salmon fisheries effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, August 19, 2023.** This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has requested the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) close the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial salmon fisheries beginning on Saturday August 19, to facilitate fall chum salmon broodstock collection for the Medvejie hatchery. An estimated 110,000 fall chum salmon will be needed to achieve NSRAA's broodstock goal. Currently, NSRAA estimates there are less than 5,000 fall chum salmon in Bear Cove. The most recent otolith sample data (collected from commercial troll, seine, and gillnet fisheries) supports the preseason expectation of a poor run of age-4 fall chum salmon returning to the Medvejie hatchery. NSRAA will attempt to complete broodstock collection as quickly as possible and it is anticipated that rotational commercial fisheries will resume, beginning with a troll opening, on Saturday, August 26. However, if returns to the Medvejie hatchery and/or Deep Inlet continue to perform poorly, additional closure time may be necessary past August 26. NSRAA will continue to monitor chum salmon recruitment into both Bear Cove and Deep Inlet and will provide updates daily to ADFG.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E2623.

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