



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2023 NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) has secured summer chum broodstock. The Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will open for a rotational fishery beginning at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) will be open in those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Bug Island at 131°39.14' W long and west of the longitude of the Inner-Bay Line at 131°31.21' W long.

**Troll Fishery**

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 17, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023.

**Net Fisheries**

From 8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 17, through 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 27, 2023, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by purse seine and drift gillnet gear as follows:

**Purse Seine**

8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 17, to 8:00 a.m., Friday, August 18;  
8:00 a.m., Sunday, August 20, to 8:00 a.m., Monday, August 21;  
8:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, to 8:00 a.m., Friday, August 25.

**Drift Gillnet**

12:00 noon, Friday, August 18, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 19;  
12:00 noon, Monday, August 21, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 22;  
12:00 noon, Saturday, August 26, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 27.

**All Commercial Fisheries**

The Neets Bay THA will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups** at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023, to allow for coho broodstock and cost recovery collection. It is unlikely that additional rotational fisheries will occur in 2023, however, if additional openings are warranted, they will be announced by advisory announcement.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Troll Gear: Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the troll fishery only during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100; trollers may retain and sell only those Chinook salmon that are 28 inches or greater in length.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Purse Seine Gear: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches (large) are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained large Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery (harvest code 95).

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E2823.

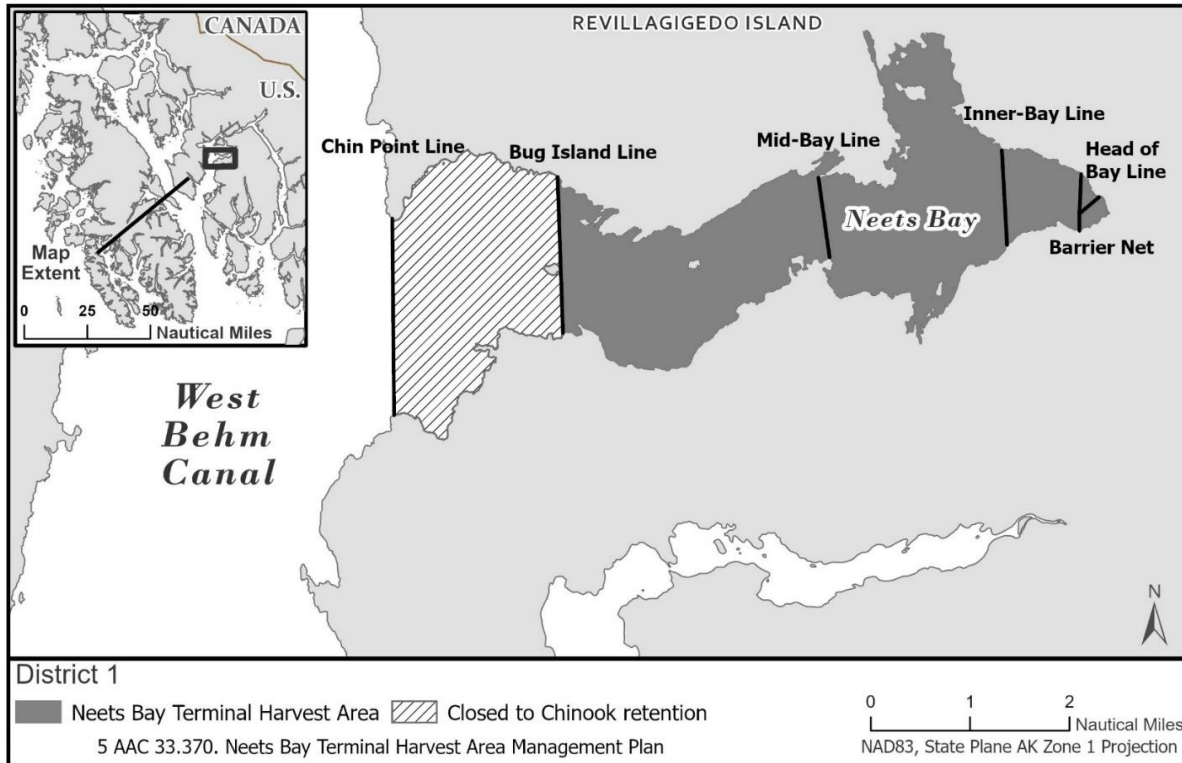


Figure 1. Map of Neets Bay THA.

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