



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial troll fishery will open for a third Chinook salmon retention period of the general summer season beginning at 12:01 a.m., September 1, 2023, to harvest approximately **3,200 treaty Chinook salmon**. The retention period will continue for 10 days, from September 1 through 11:59 p.m., September 10, 2023. Based on the number of Chinook salmon remaining on the annual all-gear allocation and the number of permits actively fishing, **a total of 9 Chinook salmon per permit will be allocated during the 10-day fishery.**

Provisions of a limited harvest fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c)(2)(D) are as follows:

- (i) a limited harvest fishery will open from 12:01 a.m., September 1 through 11:59 p.m., September 10, 2023;
- (ii) the maximum allowable harvest during the limited harvest fishery is 9 Chinook salmon per permit;
- (iii) Chinook salmon retained during a limited harvest fishery must be kept separate from other salmon on board the vessel;
- (iv) both commercially sold Chinook salmon and Chinook salmon retained for personal use during a limited harvest fishery count toward the harvest limit;
- (v) a copy of fish tickets documenting commercially sold Chinook salmon or Chinook salmon retained for personal use during a limited harvest fishery must be kept on board the vessel while operating gear in a limited harvest fishery and during transits to or from a port of landing;
- (vi) fish tickets must be made available to a local representative of the department upon request;
- (vii) after the closure of a limited harvest fishing period, all Chinook salmon must be offloaded from a vessel before that vessel may be used to resume fishing for other salmon species.

The areas of frequent high Chinook salmon abundance (5 AAC 29.025) as described in the advisory announcement issued on July 11, 2023, will remain closed for the season.

LANDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All Chinook salmon harvested during the limited harvest summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to resuming fishing following the closure of the retention period. Troll fish tickets should be submitted to the Sitka ADF&G office within 7 days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

Chinook salmon 28 inches and greater may be retained in select areas as outlined in terminal harvest area (THA) advisory announcements issued for the following areas, unless closed by emergency order:

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will be open to troll gear through September 20 for retention of all salmon species and will follow the gear rotational schedule announced in the Deep Inlet advisory announcement issued August 24 (5 AAC 33.376). The Nakat Inlet (101-10), Kendrick Bay (102-15), Anita Bay (107-35), Port Armstrong (109-11), Mist Cove (109-13), Hidden Falls (112-22) and Crawfish Inlet (113-33) THAs are open to Chinook salmon retention only during the 10-day limited harvest fishery.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement 1S7523.

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