



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**CRAWFISH INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Monday, September 4, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 23, 2023:

**Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA):** will be open east of a line from 56°45.34' N lat, 135°11.05' W long to 56°44.88' N lat, 135°11.05' W long with the following restrictions:

**Crawfish Inlet:** will be closed north of a line from 56°47.41' N lat, 135°06.61' W long to 56°47.36' N lat, 135°07.13' W long;

**Crawfish Inlet salmon streams:** no restrictions will be in effect for Crawfish Inlet salmon streams (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

**Crawfish Inlet THA:** The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has forecasted a run of 867,000 chum salmon to the Crawfish Inlet THA. Through August 30, an estimated 617,000 chum salmon have been harvested in the cost recovery fishery. Through August 29, approximately 152,000 chum salmon have been harvested in the common property seine and troll fisheries. To minimize potential straying of hatchery produced chum salmon and maintain quality, the department, in consultation with NSRAA, is opening the Crawfish Inlet THA to common property purse seine fishing. **It is important for seine vessels to correctly report harvest location during this opening: Crawfish Inlet is statistical area 113-33.**

**Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions:** 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 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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S8023.

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