



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 30, 2023, to the retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon, with the following restrictions:**

The waters of frequent high king salmon abundance [5 AAC 29.025] as modified by emergency order and specified in the July 11 troll fishery advisory announcement, and general regulatory closed waters specified in 5 AAC 29.150, will remain closed. Additional area closures in District 15 (Section 15-A) and District 181 (Yakutat) remain in effect as implemented through restrictions set by emergency order under 5 AAC 29.100(g) and (i)(2) (Figure 1).

A season extension is being implemented as the department has projected regional coho salmon escapement goals will be met and fish in excess of escapement needs are available for harvest. Regional coho catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the troll fishery has been above the recent 20-year average for 8 of 10 weeks this summer, with near record high CPUE in the central and southern outside areas during the most recent 3 weeks. Recent gillnet CPUE for coho salmon in most areas of the region has also increased to near or above the recent 10-year average. Considering the substantially reduced troll fleet effort, the department estimates that the 2023 wild stock coho salmon cumulative troll harvest will remain similar to the recent 5-year average and record low harvests of 2018–2022.

Landing Requirements

All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing, and any vessel whose port of landing is outside the State of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported outside of the jurisdiction of the state [5 AAC 39.130(c)]. The fish ticket must include the number and estimated pounds of salmon by species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded. All fish harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

Several terminal harvest areas (THAs) will continue to be open to troll gear according to management plans and advisory announcements specific to each area.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10, 2023.

The Kendrick Bay THA (102-15) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2023.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10, 2023.

The Port Armstrong THA (109-11) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2023. Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N lat, 134°40.27' W long, to 56°17.67' N lat, 134°39.64' W long are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear.

The Mist Cove THA (109-13) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2023, with the following restriction: The waters south of a line from ADF&G regulatory markers located at 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.20' W long to 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.12' W long are closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will remain open to retention of all salmon species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2023, with the following restriction: Waters are closed north and west of a line from regulatory markers located at 57°13.17' N lat, 134°51.86' W long to 57°13.08' N lat, 134°52.02' W long and in the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N lat, 134°52.24' W long to 57°13.06' N lat, 134°52.20' W long.

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will remain open to retention of all salmon species daily from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. through September 23. Chinook salmon harvested in the THA listed must be offloaded prior to trolling outside THA boundaries.

Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2023. Permit holders are advised that ADFG will not publish a management plan for the 2023/2024 winter troll season; additional information on the winter fishery is available, upon request, from the troll management staff in Sitka.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S1823, 1S8323, 1E0423, 1E0523, 1E2723, 1E3223, 1E3423, 1E3523, and 1E3623.

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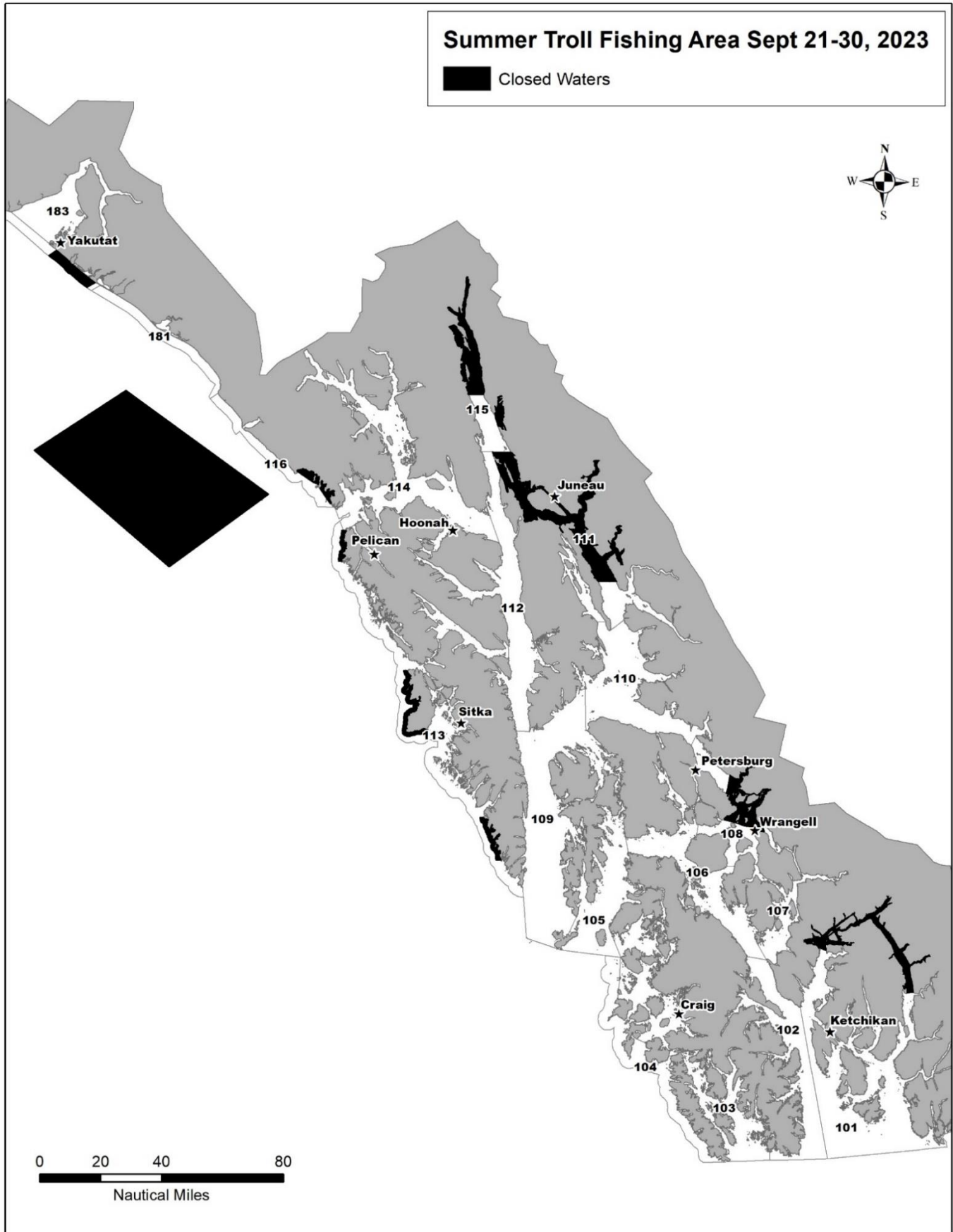


Figure 1. Summer Troll Fishing Area September 21-30, 2023, with select area closures. Additional regulatory closed waters for summer remain in effect under 5 AAC 29.150.