



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., Monday, September 30, 2024, 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 described in the July 8, 2024 troll fishery advisory announcement, and general regulatory closed waters specified in 5 AAC 29.150, will remain closed. An area closure in District 15 (Section 15-A) and modifications to the closed waters description in District 181 (Yakutat), as implemented through restrictions set by emergency order under 5 AAC 29.100(g) and (i)(2), remain in effect as described in the advisory announcement issued June 27, 2024 (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 wild coho catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the troll fishery has been above the recent 20-year average for 6 of 10 weeks this summer, with CPUE declining on the outer coast but increasing in northern and southern inside waters during recent weeks as fish migrate to more terminal waters. 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 2024 wild stock coho salmon cumulative troll harvest will be below the recent 5-year average and record low harvests of 2018–2023.

Landing Requirements

All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department not later than 7 days after the 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, 2024.

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, 2024.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to retention of all salmon species through 11:59 p.m., November 10, 2024.

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, 2024. 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, 2024, 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 and chum salmon, through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2024, 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.

Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2024. Details on the fishery will be published in an advisory announcement issued in early October. Permit holders are advised that ADFG will not publish a management plan for the 2024/2025 winter troll season; additional information on the winter fishery is available, upon request, from the troll management staff in Sitka.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EO 1S2224, 1S3224, 1S9024, 1E0224, 1E3024, 1E3124, and 1E3224.

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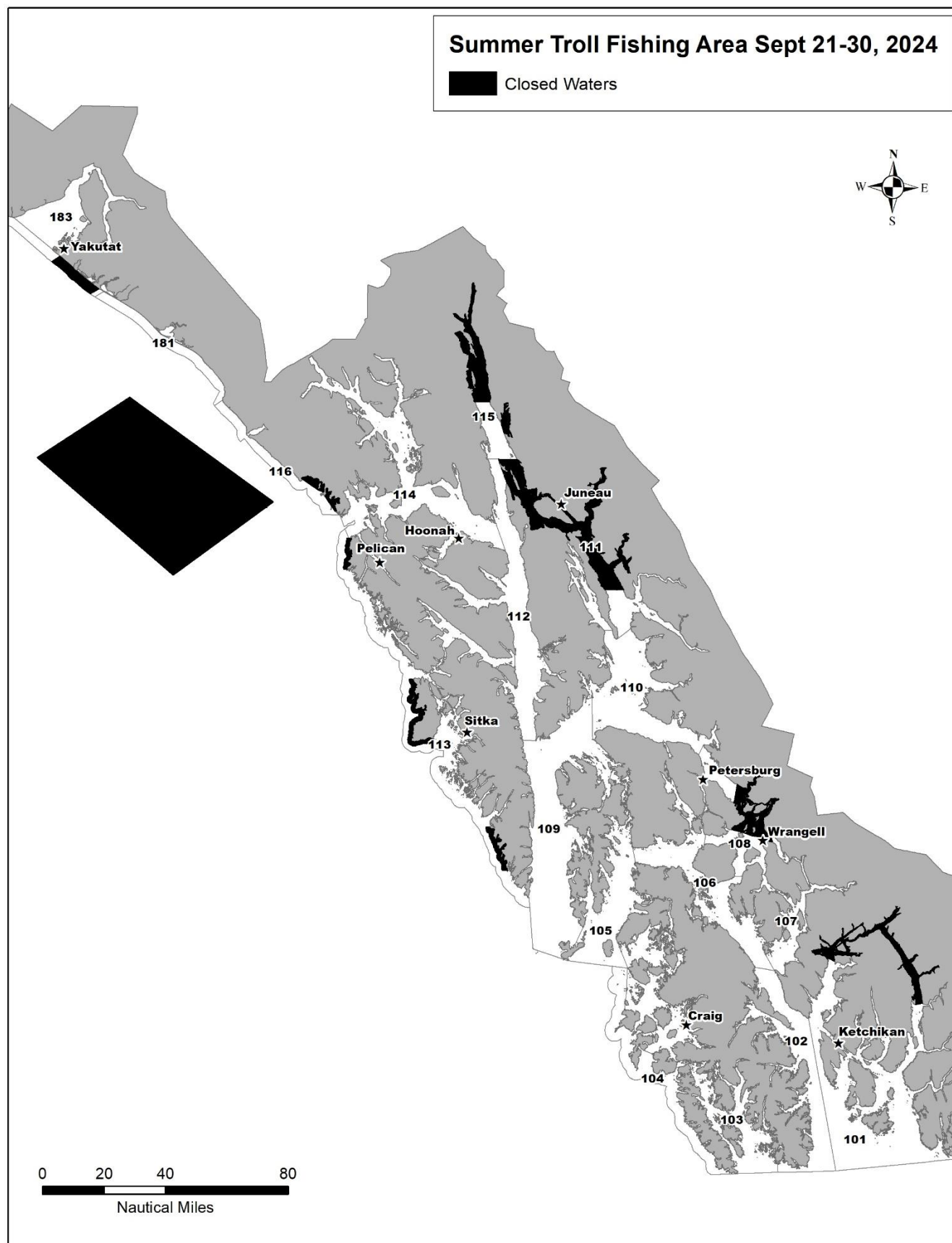


Figure 1. Summer Troll Fishing Area September 21-30, 2024, with select area closures. Additional regulatory closed waters for the summer troll fishery remain in effect under 5 AAC 29.150.