



Advisory Announcement
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CRAWFISH INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY

The **Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** salmon troll fishery will be open for the harvest of salmon from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026, unless closed by emergency order.

The Crawfish Inlet THA (**statistical area 113-33**) consists of the waters east of a line from **56°44.21' N lat, 135°15.76' W long**, to 56°43.30' N lat, 135°17.80' W long, to 56°41.93' N lat, 135°17.54' W long, to 56°41.14' N lat, 135°13.80' W long, including the waters of Jamboree Bay and Cedar Pass south of 56°47.14' N lat, and Crawfish Inlet west of 135°11.05' W long (Figure 1). The waters of the Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) east of 135°11.05' W long are closed for the season. **Troll fishery participants are advised that the bolded coordinates have been modified by emergency order to position the location of the THA boundary point on the shoreline of Lodge Island.**

Chinook salmon

Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the Crawfish Inlet THA during the spring troll fishery from June 1 through June 30. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., July 1, Chinook salmon may be retained and possessed in the Crawfish THA only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c).

Other salmon

Coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon retention is permitted during open fishing periods from June 1 through September 20. Under the provisions of the Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan, the commissioner may open a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery in the Crawfish Inlet THA and adjacent waters of West Crawfish Inlet where trollers may target chum salmon during the summer coho troll fishery closure. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained; however, coho and Chinook salmon may not be retained during the troll fishery closure (5 AAC 29.112). Information on modifications to the THA and open fishing area in West Crawfish Inlet under provisions of the chum salmon fishery plan will be provided in a future advisory announcement detailing any summer troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.

THA Troll fishery

NSRAA is forecasting a total run of 281,000 chum salmon to Crawfish Inlet THA in 2026. The troll fishery will remain open continuously in the troll exclusive area outside the waters of the Crawfish Inlet SHA from June 1 through September 20, unless closed by emergency order.

Chum salmon cost recovery and seine fishery

The remainder of the Crawfish Inlet THA chum salmon run will be taken for cost recovery. Notwithstanding the troll exclusive area fishery, no common property fishery openings will occur in the THA in 2026.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E0926

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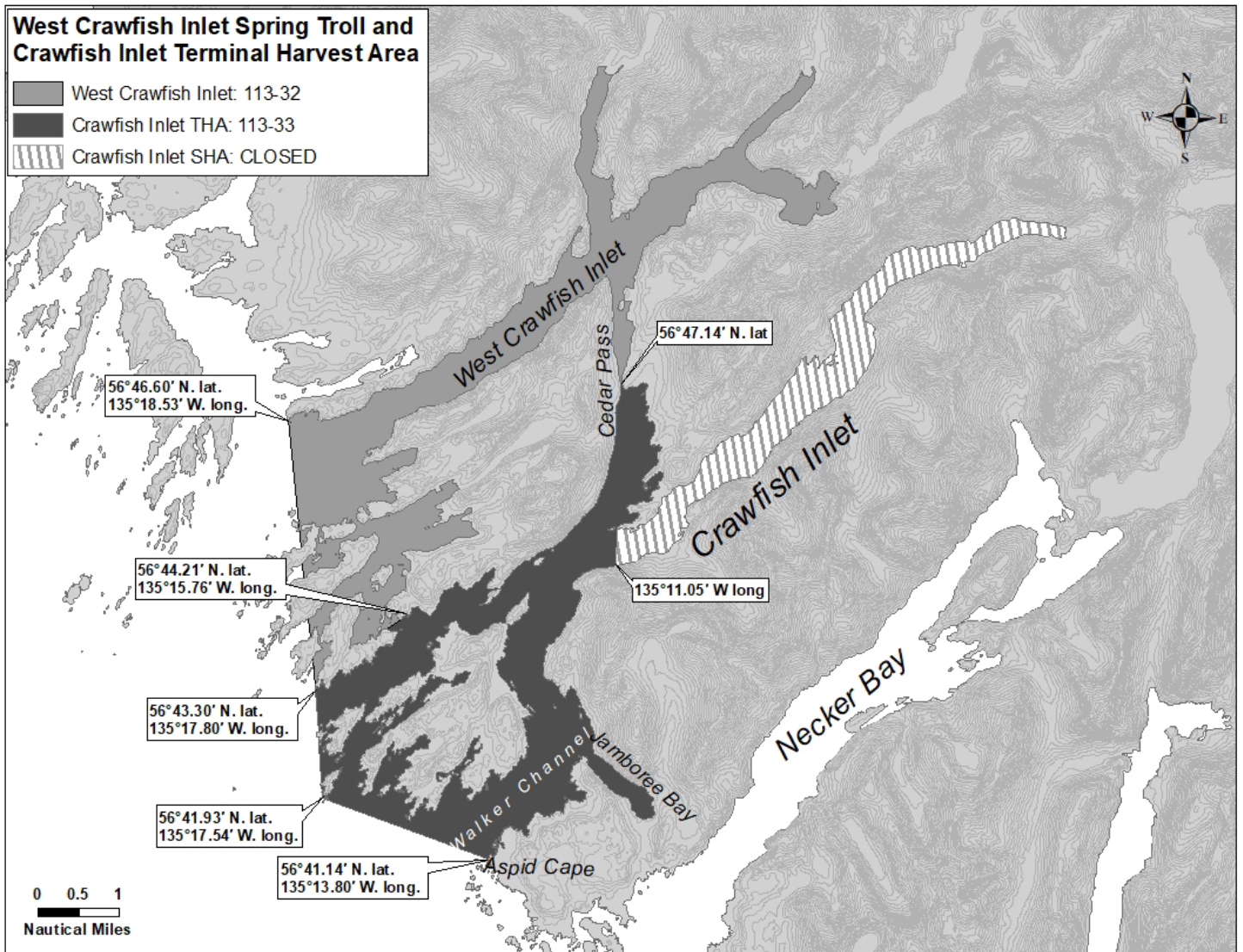


Figure 1.—West Crawfish Inlet Spring Troll and Crawfish Inlet Terminal and Special Harvest Areas.