



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2026 NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following information details the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) commercial fishing open waters and fishing schedules for the 2026 season.

SSRAA is forecasting total runs of 1,372,000 summer chum and 95,500 coho salmon with anticipated terminal runs of 886,000 summer chum and 38,200 coho salmon.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) consists of those waters east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14' W long (Bug Island line). Waters at the head of the bay east of 131°29.86' W long will be closed until the barrier net is in place; at that time, waters at the head of the bay east of the barrier net will be closed. The Neets Bay THA will be expanded on July 1 to Chin Point at 131°42.10' W long (Chin Point Line) for **troll gear only**. Chinook salmon may **NOT** be retained in this expanded area. A map of Neets Bay including the THA boundaries and fishery lines are included in Figure 1.

**Troll Fishery**

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by troll gear, unless closed by emergency order, from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 27, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 31, as follows:

12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 27, to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, **east of the Bug Island line to the closed waters at the head of the bay;**

12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 1, to 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 31, **east of the Chin Point line to the closed waters at the head of the bay.**

**All Commercial Fisheries**

The Neets Bay THA will NOT open for commercial net rotations in 2026 to allow for exclusive troller access through July, cost recovery fishing, and broodstock collection. If chum abundance is sufficient and cost recovery and broodstock goals are met, rotational openings for net gear may occur and will be announced in a separate advisory announcement.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Neets Bay THA: Chinook salmon retention and possession in the Neets Bay THA is prohibited for vessels operating commercial troll gear within the THA.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E1026.

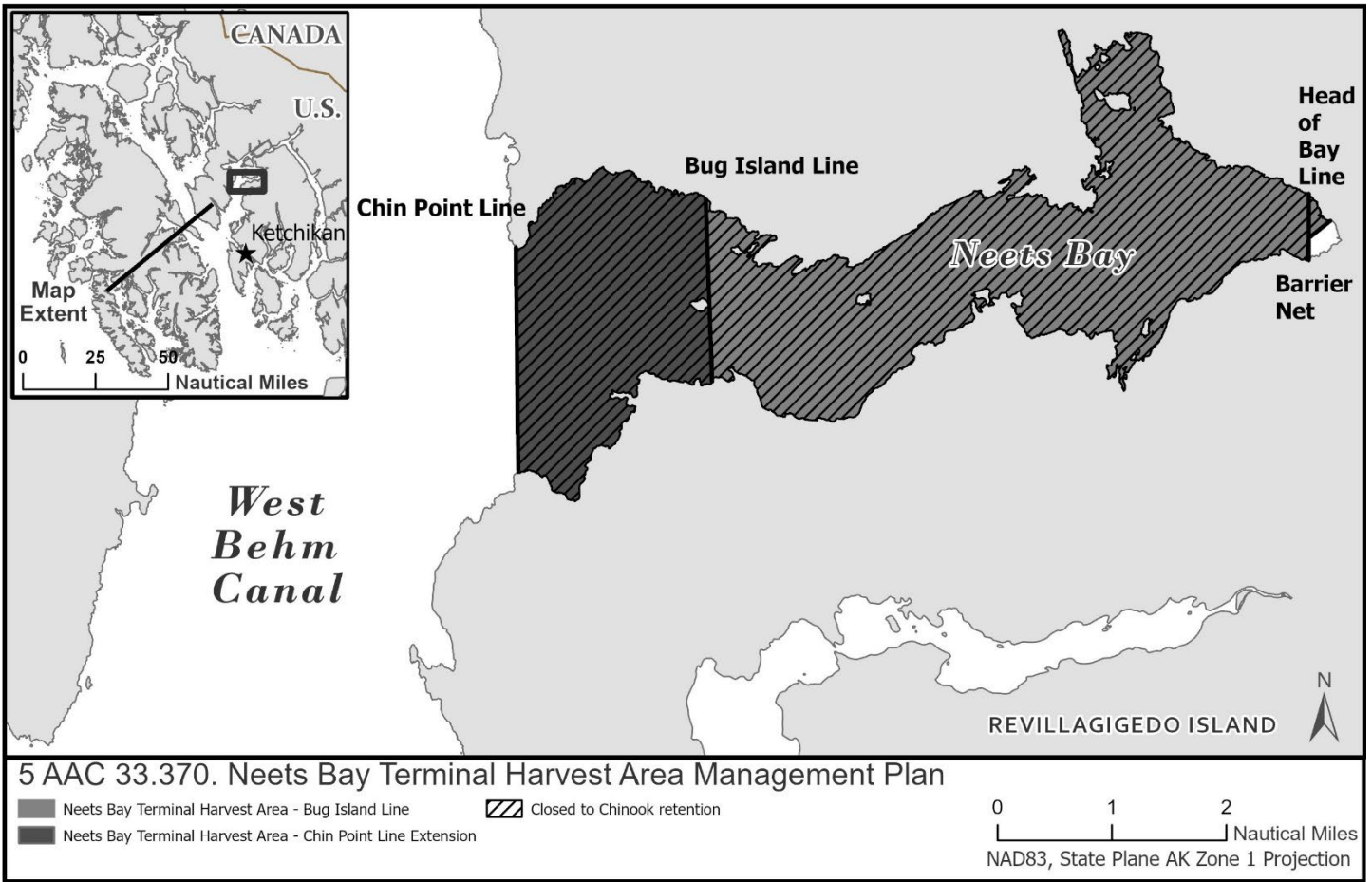


Figure 1. Map of Neets Bay THA.

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