



**Advisory Announcement**  
*For Immediate Release: April 15, 2026*

**CONTACT: Grant Hagerman**  
**Region I Commercial Troll Management Biologist**  
**grant.hagerman@alaska.gov**  
**(907) 747-6688**

**PORT SAINT NICHOLAS TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY**

The **Port Saint Nicholas Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** commercial salmon troll fishery will open for the harvest of Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye, and pink salmon from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026, unless closed by emergency order. The THA will not open to common property commercial net gear during the 2026 season. The Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association is forecasting a total run of approximately 9,200 hatchery-produced Chinook salmon for the Port Saint Nicholas THA.

The Port Saint Nicholas Troll THA (**statistical area 103-63**) consists of the waters of Port Saint Nicholas and Bucareli Bay enclosed by a line from Cape Suspiro at 55°27.47' N lat, 133°08.50' W long to the northernmost tip of Toti Island at 55°24.90' N lat, 133°07.34' W long to Point Miraballes at 55°25.85' N lat, 133°05.23' W long (5 AAC 33.382[c]). **The waters of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area (SHA) east of 133°02.92' W long will open in 2026 to common property troll fisheries from June 1 through July 31 (Figure 1).**

**Chinook salmon** retention is permitted in the THA during the spring and summer troll fisheries from June 1 through July 31. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., August 1, the waters of Port Saint Nicholas THA remain open to troll gear as part of the common property traditional summer troll fishery, with Chinook salmon retention and possession allowed only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c).

**Statistical area 103-63 should be recorded on fish tickets** for harvest within the Port Saint Nicholas THA. Fish harvested in the THA should be separated from fish caught in other areas so that department personnel will have the opportunity to obtain biological samples. Permit holders are advised that they must offload all Chinook salmon taken in the THA prior to fishing in areas where Chinook salmon retention is prohibited. Following the closure of the Port Saint Nicholas THA on July 31, this area is managed as a traditional salmon fishery with harvest reported using statistical area 103-60.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E0626.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Hoonah	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830		784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	747-3254	465-4000		945-3620	
Troll Hotline	225-6870		747-8765	465-8765			

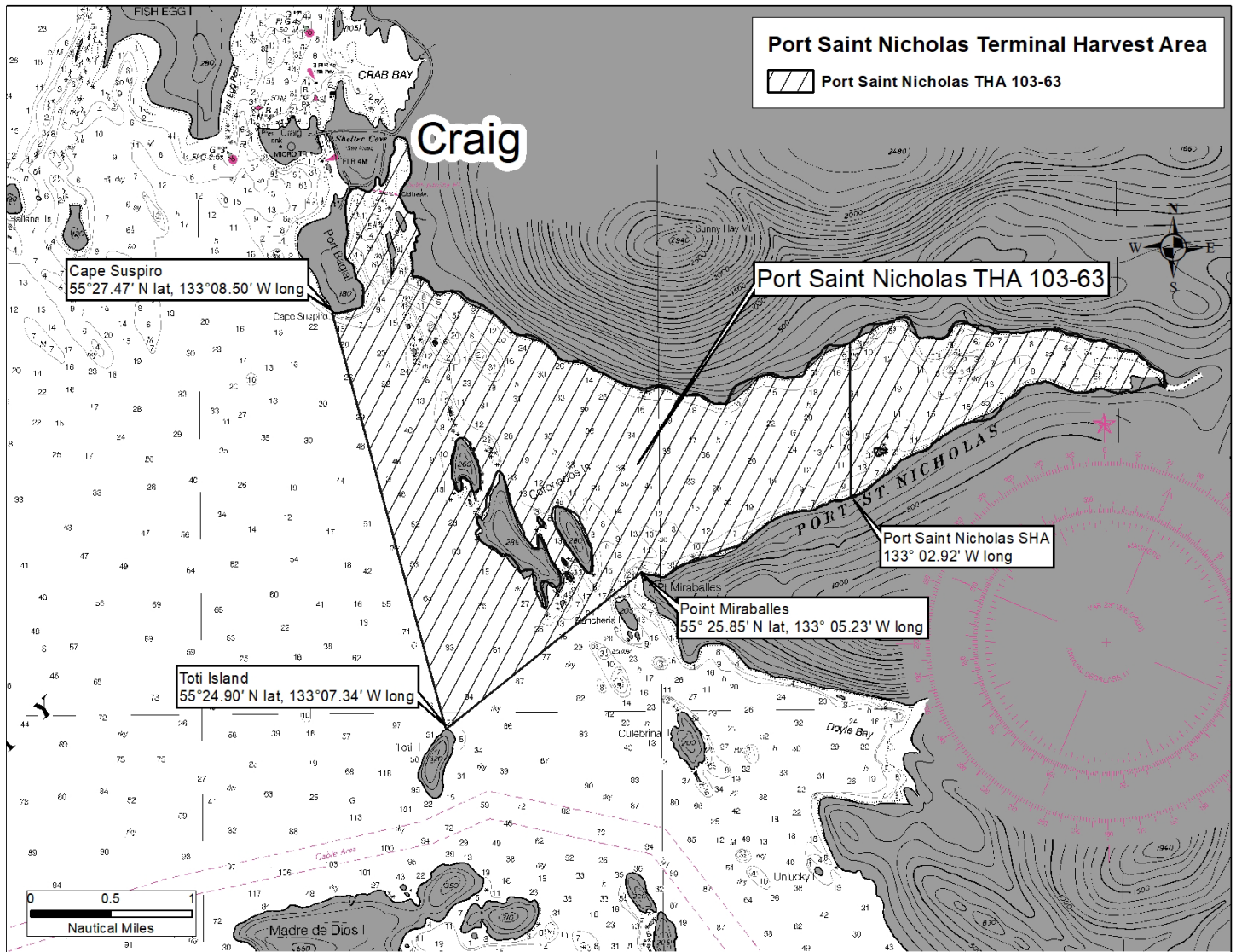


Figure 1.—Port Saint Nicholas Terminal Harvest Area Troll Fishery.