



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., Wednesday, September 30, 2026, to the retention of all salmon species, except Chinook salmon, with the following restrictions:**

Districts 11, 14, and 15: All waters of the districts will close at 11:59 p.m., September 20.

District 12: Waters north of 57°41.65' N lat will close at 11:59 p.m., September 20.

The waters of frequent high king salmon abundance (5 AAC 29.025) and general regulatory closed waters specified in 5 AAC 29.150, will remain closed. An area closure in District 181 (Yakutat), as described under 5 AAC 29.100(i)(2), will remain in effect as described in the advisory announcement issued June 24, 2026 (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 in select waters of the region. The regional weekly wild coho catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the troll fishery has been below the recent 20-year average for the duration of the summer season. However, recent drift gillnet coho salmon CPUEs throughout the region have increased to near or above the recent 10-year average. Considering the substantially reduced troll fleet effort, the department estimates that the 2026 wild stock coho salmon cumulative troll harvest will be below the recent 5-year average and record low harvests of 2018–2025.

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 Anita Bay THA (107-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon, **including Chinook salmon**, in portions of the THA through November 10.

The Port Armstrong (109-10), Mist Cove (109-13), and Hidden Falls (112-22) THAs will remain open to the retention and possession of all salmon species, **except Chinook salmon**, through September 30. The Nakat Inlet (101-10) and Burnett Inlet (106-25) THAs will remain open to the retention and possession of all salmon species, **except Chinook salmon**, through November 10. The Neets Bay THA will open from September 18 through October 10 to the retention and possession of all salmon species, **except Chinook salmon**, as detailed in the September 17 Neets Bay Troll announcement.

Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2026. Details on the fishery will be published in an advisory announcement issued in early October.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S1826, 1S7326, 1S7826, 1E1326, 1E3226, 1E3326, 1E3426, and 1E3526.

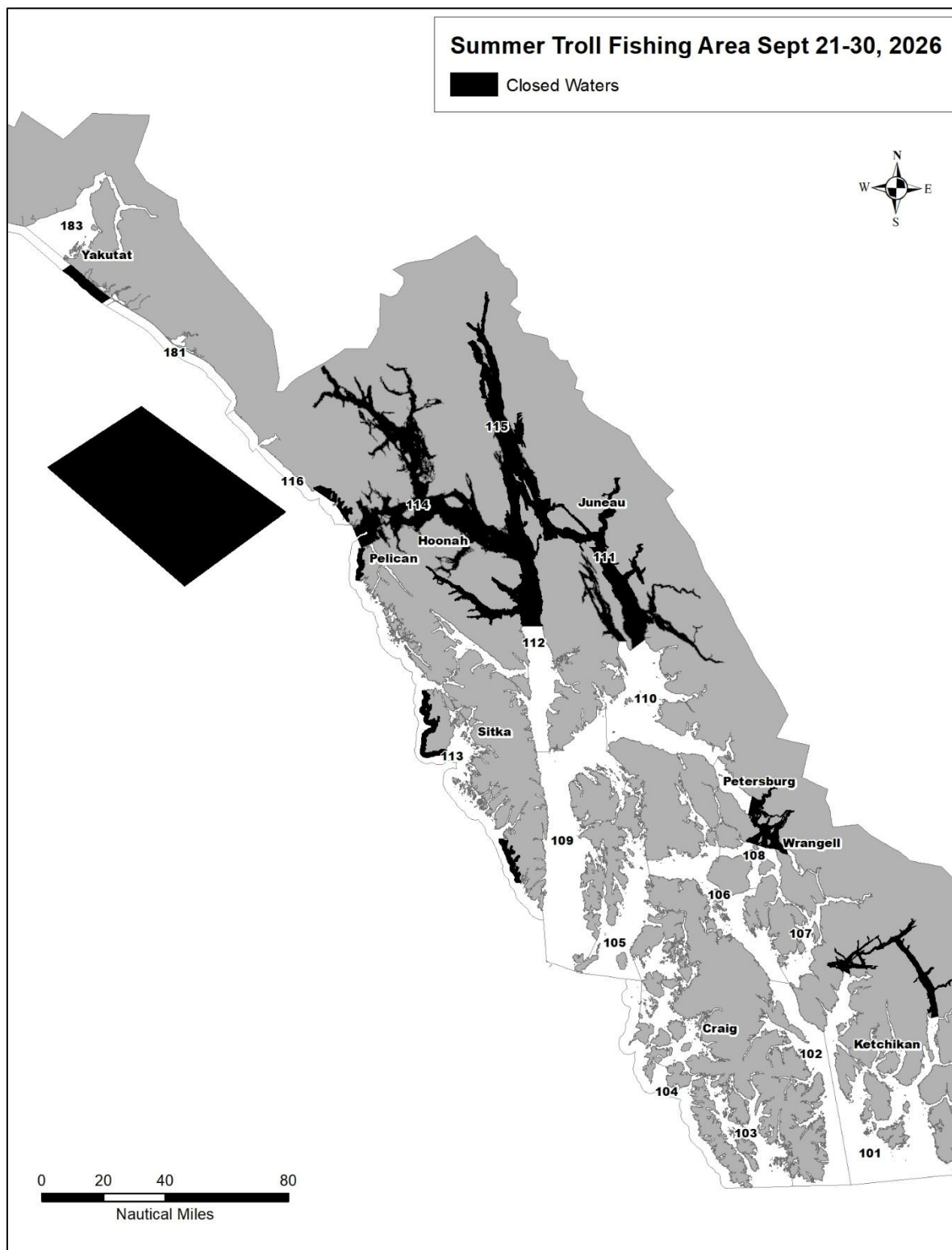


Figure 1. Summer Troll Fishing Area September 21–30, 2026, with select area closures. Additional regulatory closed waters for the summer troll fishery remain in effect under 5 AAC 29.150.

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