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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced the following information concerning the commercial salmon troll fishery:

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., August 6, 2012** (except as noted in the terminal harvest area section below). The troll fishery will be **closed for 4 days, from August 7–10 and will reopen at 12:01 a.m., August 11 to retention of all salmon species, including king salmon.** The king salmon opening will be managed inseason and closed by emergency order. A total of 61,417 king salmon were harvested by trollers during the first summer opening, leaving approximately 79,900 king salmon (including an estimated 3% Alaska hatchery component) to harvest during the second opening.

HATCHERY CHUM SALMON TROLL FISHERY DURING CLOSURE

Trollers may target chum salmon during the August 7–10 closure period in the area described below. During this fishery, trollers may not have any coho or king salmon onboard (5 AAC 29.112).

Sitka Sound: waters of Sitka Sound and Eastern Channel east of a line from Vitskari Rock Light to Inner Point, south of a line from Inner Point, to Black Rock at 57°03.12' N. latitude, 135°25.63' W. longitude to Signal Island Light at 57°02.78' N. latitude, 135°23.58' W. longitude, and north of a line from Cape Burunof at 56°59.03' N. latitude, 135°23.23' W. longitude, to Kulichkof Rock at 56°59.52' N. latitude, 135°26.62' W. longitude to Vitskari Rock Light. The Deep Inlet THA will open to trolling each Saturday, as previously announced.

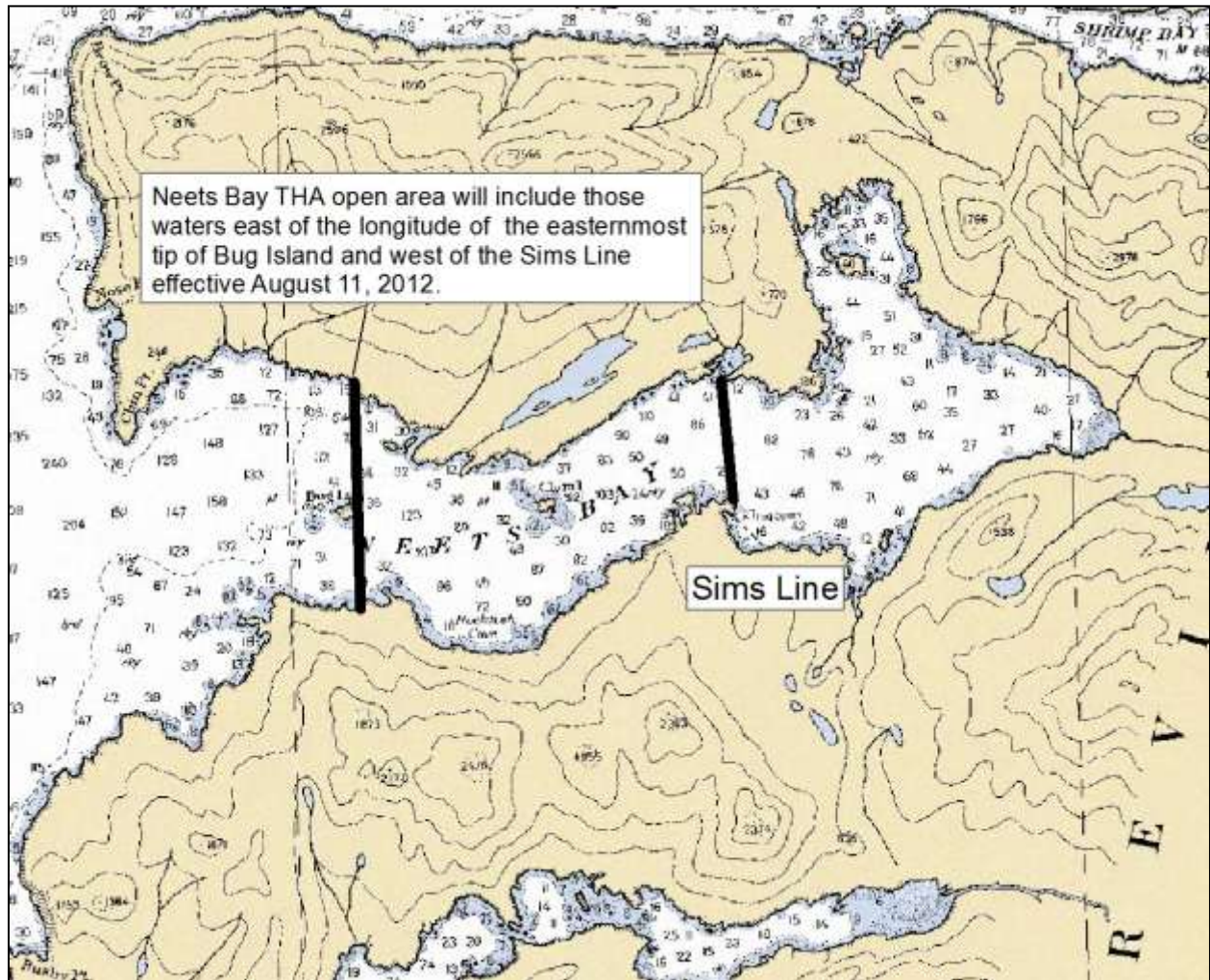
TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (THA)

The Neets Bay THA will remain open to trolling during the during the August 7-10 closure period in the following area:

The waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point and west of the “Sims line”, which begins from a point on the northern shore at 55°47.62' N. latitude, 131°34.50' W. longitude to a point on the southern shore at 55°46.83' N. latitude, 131°34.36' W. longitude. King and coho salmon may not be retained. The waters of West Behm Canal will be closed to trolling during the closure and will re-open as part of the general summer troll fishery on August 11. A map of this area is available in the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area troll news release dated July 23.

Following the closure, effective 12:01 a.m. August 11, the Neets Bay THA will remain open to trolling in the following area:

The waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the “Sims line”, which begins from a point on the northern shore at 55°47.62’ N. latitude, 131°34.50’ W. longitude to a point on the southern shore at 55°46.83’ N. latitude, 131°34.36’ W. longitude.

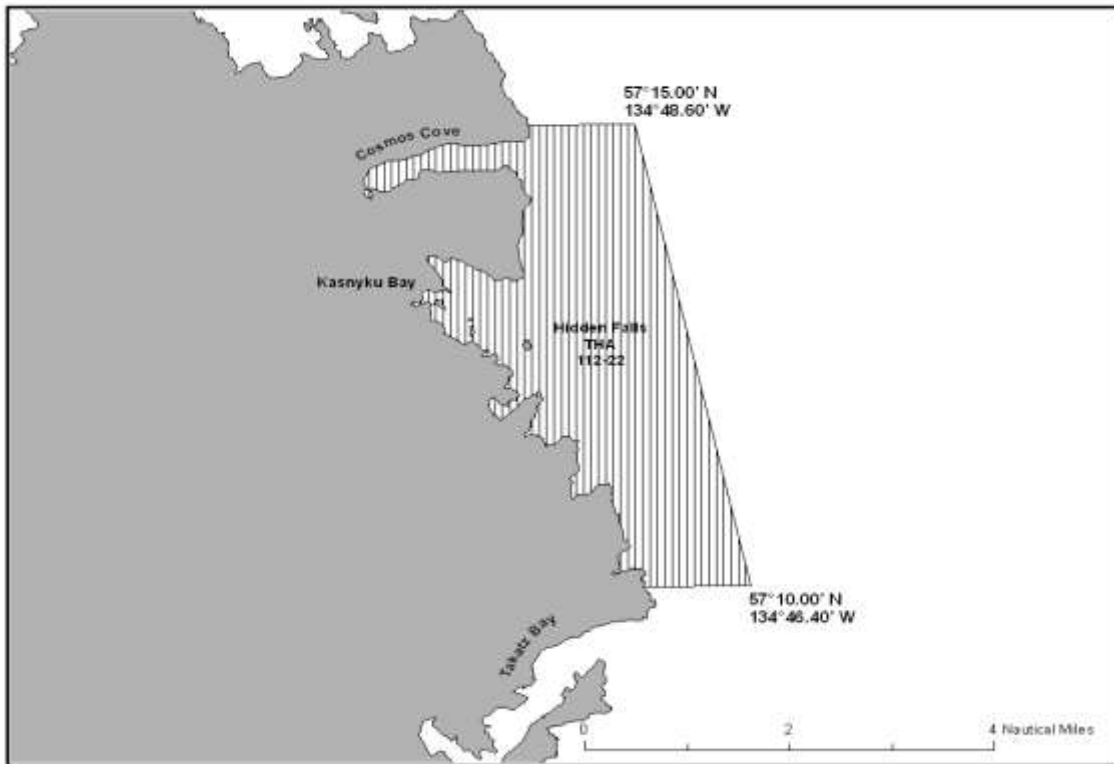


Trolling will remain open to all species during the closure in the Anita Bay and Nakat Inlet THA's. Trollers should consult the latest THA News Releases for information regarding THA open periods.

HIDDEN FALLS TERMINAL HARVEST AREA

The Hidden Falls THA will be open during the August 7–10 closure period to retention of all salmon species except king salmon in the area described below. Coho salmon must be offloaded prior to trolling outside of the THA. This opening is intended as an opportunity to harvest hatchery-produced coho salmon.

Hidden Falls THA: waters will be open south of 57°15.00’ N. latitude, north of 57°10.00’ N. latitude and west of a line from 57°15.00’ N. latitude, 134°48.60’ W. longitude to 57°10.00’ N. latitude, 134°46.40’ W. longitude.



Hidden Falls THA open to trolling during coho closure, August 7–10, 2012.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

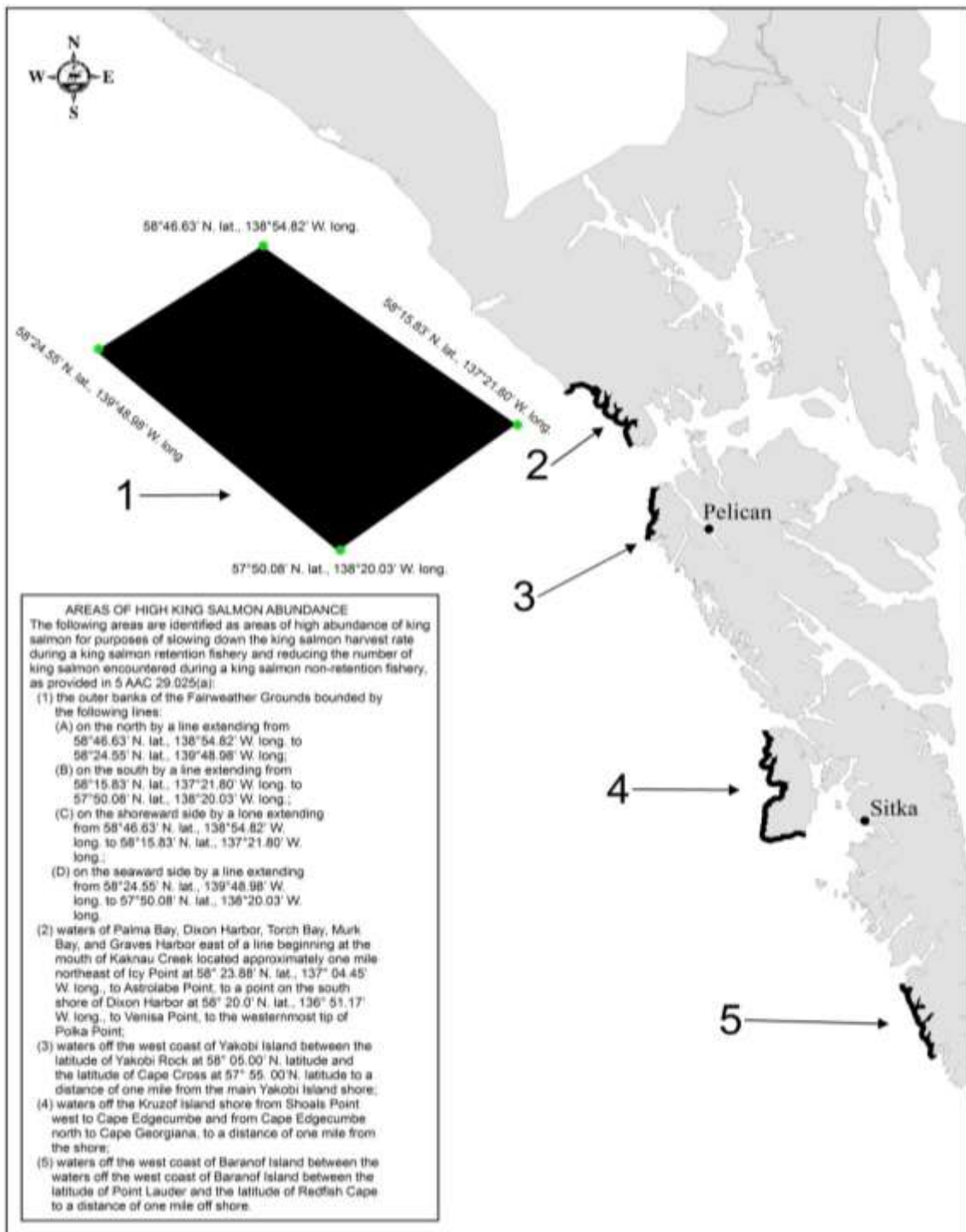
Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. When the coho salmon fishery closes, coho must be offloaded prior to fishing for chum salmon.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5912.

The 2011 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

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

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Areas of Frequent High King Salmon Abundance currently closed during the summer troll fishery.