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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below will **open at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2014 and will remain open until further notice:**

Ketchikan Area (101-29)	Ernest Sound (107-10)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Mountain Point (101-45)	Frederick Sound (110-31)	Anita Bay THA (107-35)
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	Chatham Strait (112-12)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)
	Sitka Sound (113-41)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)

The spring troll areas listed below will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. Openings may be extended if the Alaska hatchery contributions are high.

SCHEDULE OF INITIAL TROLL OPENINGS:

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	May 5-6
South Sumner Strait (105-41)	May 5-6
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	May 5-6
Steamer Point (106-30)	May 5-9
Snow Pass (106-41)	May 7-9
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	May 5-7
Craig Point (108-40)	May 5-7

Chatham Strait area:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	May 7-9
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Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30)	May 5-6
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	May 5-7

Pelican area:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	May 5-7
Port Althorp (114-50)	May 5-7

Icy Strait/North Chatham areas will open May 1–9:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)

Stag Bay (113-97)

Cross Sound (114-21)

South Passage (114-23)

Homeshore (114-25)

Point Sophia (114-27)

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10)

May 5

Initial openings in other spring troll areas will be announced in future news releases. The West Rock, Stone Rock Bay, Kendrick Bay, Tebenkof Bay, Western Channel, and Goddard spring areas will open initially during the week of May 11. Biorka Island will open during the week of June 1, followed by the Northern Chatham Strait area during the week of June 8. Most spring troll fisheries target Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon, though chum salmon are the primary target species in the six Icy Strait/North Chatham Strait areas listed above.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:**Ketchikan Areas**

West Rock (Fishery area 101-21): The waters of Section 1-F south of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and north of the latitude of Barren Island (54°44.75' N. lat) and north and west of a line from Barren Island to Yellow Rocks to a point two miles east of Duke Point at the latitude of Duke Point (54°55.12' N. lat, 131°08.34' W. long).

Ketchikan Area (Fishery area 101-29): modified area: In Section 1F, waters north of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and south of the latitude of South Vallenar Point at 55°22.89' N. lat, in waters of Nichols Passage south of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat). Waters of Felice Strait are closed east of a line from Point White to Survey Point. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

Mountain Point (Fishery area 101-45): modified area: In Section 1F, waters of Nichols Passage north of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat) and south of a line from Gravina Point (55°17.25' N. lat, 131°36.88' W. long) to a point on Revillagigedo Island at 55°18.73' N. lat, 131°35.28' W. long, in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00' N. lat., and north of a line from 55°13.13' N. lat, 131°16.22' W. long, to 55°11.53' N. lat, 131°18.93' W. long. Waters of Carroll Inlet and Thorne Arm are open. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): In waters of Neets Bay, east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. long, until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Stone Rock Bay (Fishery area 102-09): modified area: Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of 54°43.34' N. lat, east of the longitude of 131°56.42' W. long, and south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°45.98' N. lat.

Kendrick Bay (Fishery area 102-10): Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°45.98' N. lat, south of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long, and west of the Districts 1/2 boundary.

West Clarence Strait (Fishery area 102-50): modified area: In District 2, waters of Clarence Strait south of the latitude of South Vallenar Point at 55°22.89' N. lat, and north of a line from the westernmost tip of

Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat, 131°58.37' W. long.

Wrangell and Prince of Wales Areas

Bucareli Bay (Fishery area 103-50): new area: In the waters of Ursua Channel and Bucareli Bay south and west of a line from a point on San Fernando Island at 55°30.11' N. lat, 133°16.83' W. long, to Cape Suspiro, west of 133°04.00' W. long (within Port St. Nicholas), and north east of a line from Point Amargura to Diamond Point to Point Providence.

South Sumner Strait (Fishery area 105-41): modified area: In District 6, the waters of Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Baker to Point Barrie and in District 5, the waters of Sumner Strait north of a line at the latitude of the northernmost tip of the northern Barrier Island.

Steamer Point (Fishery area 106-30): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6-C and 6-D north and east of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

Snow Pass (Fishery area 106-41): The waters of Sections 6-B, 6-C, and 6-D north of a line from Luck Point to Point Stanhope and west and south of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

North Sumner Strait (Fishery area 106-43): modified area: The waters of Section 6-A, west of a line from Colpoys Light to the southernmost tip of Mitchell Point, and east of a line from Point Baker to Point Barrie.

Ernest Sound (Fishery Area 107-10): The waters of District 7 west of 131°56.00' W. long. The waters of Anita Bay THA are excluded.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): Includes those waters of Anita Bay west of a line from Anita Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°14.26' N. lat, 132°23.92' W. long.

As amended during the 2012 BOF meeting in Ketchikan, portions of the THA will be closed and are described in 5 AAC 33.383(b). The Anita Bay THA will be open continuously to the harvest of salmon by troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, November 10, 2014. From 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 12, 2014, the Anita Bay THA will be open to the harvest of salmon by troll, drift gillnet, and purse seine gear concurrently.

Chichagof Pass (108-10): The waters of Chichagof Pass and Zimovia Strait in Section 8-B south of 56°24.50' N. lat, and east of a line from Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. lat, 132°32.00' W. long.

Craig Point (108-40): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Section 8-B, south of the latitude of Reef Point, and west of a line from Reef Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.10' N. lat, 132°32.00' W. long.

Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Areas

Little Port Walter (Fishery area 109-10): In Chatham Strait, only in those waters of Section 9-A south of the latitude of Patterson Point Light and north of 56°15.83' N. lat (located immediately south of Graveyard Cove), including all waters of Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, Port Herbert, Port Walter, Port Lucy, and Port Conclusion.

Port Armstrong Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 109-11): Waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73' N. lat, 134°38.75' W. long, to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°17.98' N. lat, 134°38.35' W. long. Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. lat, 134°40.27' W. long, to 56°17.67' N. lat, 134°39.64' W. long, are closed.

Tebenkof Bay (Fishery area 109-62): In Section 9-B, the waters of Tebenkof Bay south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat), north of the latitude of Point Harris Light (56°17.41' N lat, 134°17.96' W. long) and east of 134°24.00' W. long.

Frederick Sound (Fishery area 110-31): In Frederick Sound, those waters north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Point Macartney to 57°06.00' N. lat, 134°03.35' W. long, south and east of a line from 57°06.00' N. lat, 134°03.35' W. long, to McDonald Rock buoy; south of the line from McDonald Rock buoy to the point of land on the mainland east of Entrance Island at 57°25.32' N. lat, 133°25.63' W. long, and north and west of a line from the northernmost tip of Boulder Point to Point Highland. Waters of Port Houghton east of 133°11.00' W. long, are closed.

NOTE: Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area will be extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat, 132°56.95' W. long) to Beacon Point excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand Point and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat, 133°00.00' W. long) to Wood Point.

Chatham Strait (Fishery area 112-12): The waters of Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound south of the latitude of Point Hepburn, including the waters of Freshwater Bay, Tenakee Inlet, and Kelp Bay, and excluding the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Area (112-22); waters north of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat), including Keku Strait and Port Camden and west of the District 9/10 boundary (the southernmost tip of Elliot Island to Point McCartney); waters of Peril Strait and Hoonah Sound north of Pogibshi Point. Waters south of the latitude of Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat) are excluded.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A within two nautical miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. lat (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)).

Sitka Area

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): In waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°03.42' N. lat, 135°36' W. long, south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long, to 57°01.50' N. lat, 135°24.25' W. long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long through The Eckholms Light, with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt Bay (Fishery area 113-30): In waters of Sitka Sound south of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock and east and north of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat, 135°23.49' W. long.

Biorka Island (Fishery area 113-31): modified area: In waters of Sitka Sound south and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Hanus Islet at 56°51.92' N. lat, 135°30.42' W. long, to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island, and west of a line from the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06' N. lat, 135°26.00' W. long, and from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00' N. lat, 135°26.53' W. long, and north and east of a line from the southernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Liesnoi Island to Point Woodhouse.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32): modified area: In waters enclosed by a line from Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat, 135°23.49' W. long, to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06' N. lat, 135°26.00' W. long, and

from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00' N. lat, 135°26.53' W. long, and north of the latitude of a line from Legma Island to Elovai Island at 56°49.34' N. lat, and north and west of a line from 56°49.44' N. lat, 135°23.15' W. long, to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.58' N. lat, 135°22.60' W. long.

Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41): The waters of Sitka Sound, including Krestof Sound and Neva Strait south of 57°15.00' N. lat, and north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock to 57°01.50' N. lat, 135°24.25' W. long (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long through The Eckholms Light with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat, 135°35.00' W. long, including the waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound, and Katlian Bay. The waters of Silver Bay will be open with the exception of Bear Cove, which is closed east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77' N. lat, 135°09.08' W. long, to the north shore at 57°00.94' N. lat, 135°09.23' W. long.

The waters of the Deep Inlet THA, as described in 5 AAC 33.376(b), are included in the Sitka Sound area through May 31. From June 1 through June 21, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long, will be included in the Sitka Sound area. On June 22, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will be excluded from the Sitka Sound area for the remainder of season. From June 1 through September 27, the waters of the Deep Inlet THA described above will be managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule which was announced in a previous news release on March 12.

Deep Inlet THA: Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35' N. lat, 135°22.63' W. long, to the westernmost tip of Long Island to the easternmost tip of Long Island to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island to the westernmost tip of Error Island to the westernmost tip of Berry Island to the southernmost tip of Berry Island to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.30' N. lat, 135°17.67' W. long to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. lat, 135°16.78' W. long and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. lat, 135°16.53' W. long. Waters of Sandy Cove will be closed.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.50' N. lat, waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46.00' W. long, and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15.00' N. lat.

North Chatham Strait and Icy Strait Areas

Northern Chatham Strait Enhanced Chum (Fishery area 112-16): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.29' N. lat, 134°53.27' W. long, to 58°10.40' N. lat, 135°02.63' W. long, to 58°07.78' N. lat, 135°00.78' W. long, to 58°05.81' N. lat, 134°47.09' W. long.

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95): In Section 13-A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a line from Dace Rock to a point on Yakobi Island at 58°05.48' N. lat, and east of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat, 136°20.62' W. long, to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.46' N. lat, 136°20.27' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat, 136°21.18' W. long.

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97): In waters of Lisianski Strait north of a line from Point Theodore through Point Urey and south and west of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat, 136°20.62' W. long, to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.46' N. lat, 136°20.27' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat, 136°21.18' W. long, including the waters of Stag Bay.

Cross Sound (Fishery area 114-21): In the waters of Section 14-A west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Dundas (58°18.93' N. lat, 136°16.79' W. long) to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the prominent point on the northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat, 136°16.75' W. long, and

east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Taylor Island to 58°10.00' N. lat, then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line extending from the prominent point on the northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat, 136°16.75' W. long, to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to Point Gustavus and north and west of the northern and western boundaries of the Homeshore and Point Sophia areas, including the waters of Icy Passage.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25): modified area: In waters of District 14, only in the waters of Icy Strait east of the longitude of Noon Point (135°32.20' W. long) west of 135°09.60' W. long, **and north of a line from 58°07.78' N. lat, 135°00.78' W. long, to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78' N. lat, 135°15.48' W. long,** to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Point Adolphus (Point Sophia area northern boundary).

Point Sophia (Fishery area 114-27): modified area: In Sections 14B, 14C, and 12A, in waters of Icy Strait and Chatham Strait bounded by a line from Point Adolphus (58°17.25' N. lat, 135°47.00' W. long) to a point one mile due north of Point Adolphus to the **northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78' N. lat, 135°15.48' W. long,** to the western Hawk Inlet area boundary at a line from 58°07.78' N. lat, 135°00.78' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta.

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50): In waters of Section 14-A in Lisianski Inlet north of a line from Dace Rock to a point on Yakobi Island at 58°05.48' N. lat, and in Cross Sound and Lisianski Inlet bounded by a line from Soapstone Point (58°06.36' N. lat, 136°29.96' W. long), to the Cape Spencer light, then east at the latitude of 58°10.00' N. lat to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Hawk Inlet (Fishery area 112-65): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°05.81' N. lat, 134°47.09' W. long, to 58°07.78' N. lat, 135°00.78' W. long, to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta, and north of the latitude of Point Hepburn (58°56.42' N. lat), including waters of Hawk Inlet.

Yakutat Area

Yakutat Bay (Fishery Area 183-10): The waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from Point Manby (59°41.66' N. lat, 140°19.70' W. long.) to Ocean Cape (59°32.06' N. lat, 139°51.46' W. long).

SALMON RETENTION BY SPECIES AND ADIPOSE FIN-CLIPPED SALMON

Coho salmon may be retained and sold beginning June 1. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained year-round.

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An **Exemption Permit** is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5 AAC 29.130). The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended. All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95), **must be recorded on a fish ticket.**

GROUND FISH BYCATCH

Fishermen are reminded that the season for lingcod bycatch opens in the salmon troll fishery on May 16. The lingcod season will remain open through November 30, or until lingcod area allocations are taken, whichever occurs first. All lingcod retained must measure at least 27 inches from tip of snout to the tip of the tail, or 20.5 inches from the front of the dorsal fin to the tip of the tail. Salmon trollers may not retain lingcod in the waters of Sitka Sound as defined in 5 AAC 28.150 (a). For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the *2014 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan*, the department news release issued January 2 “*Groundfish Bycatch in the 2014 Commercial Troll Fishery*”, or contact the groundfish staff in Sitka at 907-747-6688.

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS TO CONSERVE UNUK RIVER CHINOOK

The Chinook salmon escapement to the Unuk River was well below the escapement goal range in 2012 and 2013, while exploitation rates on this stock were above average during those years. Another low run is forecast for 2014. The Pacific Salmon Treaty requires that Southeast Alaska (SEAK) fisheries be managed to achieve escapement objectives for SEAK and Transboundary River stocks. The Unuk River is a moderate-sized system located in Behm Canal and is one of eight SEAK escapement indicator stocks.

In response, changes are planned for some spring troll fisheries to reduce the impact on Unuk River Chinook. Coded wire tag (CWT) recoveries during the past five years indicate that Unuk Chinook harvest has occurred mainly during June and in some spring troll fishing areas more than others. Efforts to reduce troll fishery impacts on Unuk Chinook will focus on those spring areas closest to the Unuk River, as well as migration corridors. Management actions will include dividing the Ketchikan Area into three sub-areas, moving the northern boundary line southward and reducing fishing time during June. Three spring troll areas will not open in 2014. Sumner Strait spring troll area will be divided into smaller sub-areas to allow collection of more area-specific CWT data. Fishing time will be reduced during June in several areas where Unuk Chinook are most likely to be harvested, based on CWT data from recent years.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1E0314, 1E0414, 1S0214, 1S0314, and 1S0414.

The 2014 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes area maps, is available online and in area offices.

The spring troll fishery webpage can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring

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

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