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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information in cooperation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) concerning common property net and troll fisheries in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA), and broodstock harvest.

NSRAA has met chum salmon broodstock goals and the NSRAA Board has requested a Deep Inlet re-opening schedule as follows, unless changed by a subsequent announcement:

Troll: The troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 3 through 6:00 a.m., Thursday, September 4, 2014 and from 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4 through 6:00 a.m., Saturday, September 6, 2014.

From September 10 through September 27, the troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, and from 4:30 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Friday of each week.

Seine: The seine fishery will open at 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 2014.

From September 7 through September 27, 2014, the purse seine fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday through 4:30 a.m., Monday and from 6:00 a.m., Thursday through 4:30 a.m., Friday of each week.

Gillnet: The gillnet fishery will open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 6, 2014.

From September 8 through September 27, 2014, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday of each week.

The Deep Inlet THA is described as follows:

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. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude 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. latitude, 135°17.67' W. longitude to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. latitude, 135°16.78' W. longitude and then to a point on the Baranof Island shore at 56°59.93' N. latitude, 135°16.53' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Sandy Cove: all waters will be closed.

By emergency order, issued under 5 AAC 39.265, harvesters participating in net fisheries in the Deep Inlet THA fishery are required to retain and utilize all salmon harvested during the 2014 season. This action is being taken in order to promote full utilization of salmon, to prevent waste of salmon, to determine harvest patterns of incidentally harvested coho and sockeye salmon, and so the department and NSRAA have full and accurate reporting of returns. This requires that all sockeye and coho salmon caught in the Deep Inlet THA fishery which are retained for personal use and not sold must be reported on fish tickets at the same time other salmon harvested during the opening are off-loaded and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen are advised that if they have fish on board from other openings, in addition to the Deep Inlet THA fishery, they should keep them separate for reporting and sampling purposes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Deep Inlet THA: Purse seine and gillnet fishermen must retain all Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA. Chinook salmon of any size harvested by both purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen may be sold. Troll fishermen may only retain and sell Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E2014.

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