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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 be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2014, to the retention of all species except king salmon.** The areas of Frequent High King Salmon Abundance (5 AAC 29.025) will remain closed.

The extension is being implemented based on projections by the department that escapement goals will be met after considering harvest and effort. The wild coho salmon abundance and wild commercial harvest are projected to be 4.30 and 2.32 million respectively. The total all-gear commercial harvest is projected to be 3.1 million. These projections are well above long-term average. Recent catch rates and harvest in both the troll and drift gillnet fisheries have been above average.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. The operator of a fishing vessel whose port of delivery is outside the state of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported out of the State. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

TERMINAL AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (THA AND SHA)

The Port Armstrong SHA (109-11) will remain open to trolling at 11:59 p.m., September 30 with the following restriction:

Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. latitude, 134°40.27' W. longitude to 56°17.67' N. latitude, 134°39.64' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

The Mist Cove SHA (109-13) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters south of a line from 56°31.07' N latitude, 134°40.20' W. longitude to 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.12' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

Cost recovery operations will be occurring intermittently and cooperation is needed in order for the area to remain open to commercial trolling.

The Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., October 10 with the following restriction:

Waters are closed north and west of a line between a point at 57°13.17' N. latitude, 134°51.86' W. longitude and a point at 57°13.08' N. latitude, 134°52.02' W. longitude, and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N. latitude, 134°52.24' W. longitude and a point at 57°13.06' N. latitude, 134°52.20' W. longitude.

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will remain open to trolling for all species according to the rotational schedule described in a news release issued on September 1.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to trolling for all species through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

The waters of Neets Bay west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon as part of West Behm Canal (101-90) through 11:59 p.m., September 30. The Neets Bay SHA, east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to the head of the bay, will remain closed for the season.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-11) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

WINTER TROLL FISHERY

The 2014–2015 winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2014. The *2014–2015 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available by early October in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website.

The 2014 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_trollsummer

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S6614 and 1E2214.

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

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