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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

From 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, September 20, the Neets Bay THA will be open for trolling in those waters of Neets Bay east of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W. longitude and west of a line from 55°47.62' N. latitude, 131°34.50' W. longitude, on the northern shore of Neets Bay, to 55°46.83' N. latitude, 131°34.36' W. longitude, on the southern shore of Neets Bay.

The chum salmon return to the Neets Bay THA is estimated to reach the total return forecast of 1,180,000 fish. The expansion of the troll harvest area in Neets Bay is to facilitate the distribution of hatchery chum salmon harvest among gear groups while still providing adequate chum salmon for cost recovery and brood stock needs. Chinook retention is not allowed in the Neets Bay THA.

The 2015 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website at:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1215.

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