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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be closed to all common property commercial fisheries effective 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2015. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has requested the department close the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial salmon fisheries at the end of the gillnet opening on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to protect returning coho needed for broodstock. NSRAA needs approximately 2,720 coho salmon for broodstock, and the current estimate at Bear Cove/Medvejie Hatchery is less than 200 fish. NSRAA will continue to monitor coho salmon recruitment into both Bear Cove and Deep Inlet.

It is unlikely that the Deep Inlet THA will reopen this season.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1715.

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