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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).

Fishermen are reminded that the Neets Bay THA is the waters of Neets Bay east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island. From Sunday, June 12, through Monday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point.

#### **Troll:**

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 15, through 11:59 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2016, the Neets Bay THA will be **open for trolling** in those waters of Neets Bay 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. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

From 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 4, 2016, the Neets Bay THA will be **open for trolling** in those waters of Neets Bay west of the Mid Bay 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.

From 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, until closed by emergency order, the Neets Bay THA will be **open for trolling** in those waters of Neets Bay west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island.

#### **Net Fisheries:**

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by **drift gillnet and purse seine gear** concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Friday, June 10, in those waters of Neets Bay 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. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

From Sunday, June 12, through Thursday, June 30, 2016, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by **drift gillnet and purse seine gear** as follows:

**Drift Gillnet:**

from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 12, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 13;  
 from 12:00 noon, Friday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 18;  
 from 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 22, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 23;  
 from 12:00 noon, Monday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 28;

**Purse Seine:**

from 6:00 a.m., to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 15;  
 from 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 20;  
 from 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 26;  
 from 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 30.

From Friday, July 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 4, 2016, salmon may be taken in those waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Mid Bay 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 and west of the barrier net by **drift gillnet and purse seine** gear as follows:

**Drift Gillnet:**

from 12:00 noon, Friday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 2;

**Purse Seine:**

from 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 4.

**All Commercial Fisheries:**

The Neets Bay THA east of Bug Island will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups** at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 4, so that cost recovery and brood stock collection can take place. If openings can be scheduled they will be announced by News Release once cost recovery has been completed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0316.

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