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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the spring troll fishery:

The Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below **opened April 15, or will open at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, May 1, 2016, and will remain open until further notice:**

Opened April 15: Hidden Falls THA (112-22), Neets Bay THA (101-95)

Opening May 1: Port Armstrong THA (109-11), Anita Bay THA (107-35)

The spring troll areas listed below will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. Openings may be extended if the Alaska hatchery contributions are high.

Ketchikan area:

Ketchikan (101-29)* May 1-3

Mountain Point (101-45) May 1-7

Kendrick Bay (102-10) May 1-3

West Clarence Strait (102-50)* May 1-3

*Reduced opening lengths based on high numbers of non-Alaska hatchery Chinook salmon in the harvest.

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) May 1-3

South Sumner Strait (105-41) May 1-2

Steamer Point (106-30) May 1-5

Snow Pass (106-41) May 1-7

North Sumner Strait (106-43) May 1-7

Ernest Sound (107-10) May 1-7

District 8 Directed (108-41) May 2-4

Chatham Strait area:

Frederick Sound (110-31) May 1-7

Chatham Strait (112-12) May 1-7

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30) May 1-2

Sitka Sound (113-41) May 1-7

Salisbury Sound (113-62) May 1-3

Pelican area:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	May 1–4
Stag Bay (113-97)	May 1–7
Port Althorp (114-50)	May 1–3

Icy Strait/North Chatham areas will open May 1–7:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)	Cross Sound (114-21)	South Passage (114-23)
Homeshore (114-25)	Point Sophia (114-27)	

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	May 2
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The following areas will open initially during the week beginning May 8: Stone Rock Bay, Western Channel, and Goddard spring areas.

The following areas will open initially during the week beginning May 15: West Rock, Tebenkof Bay, Little Port Walter.

The following area will open initially during the week beginning May 29: Biorka Island.

The following areas will open initially during the week beginning June 12: Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden.

Most spring troll fisheries target Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon, though chum salmon are the primary target species in the Icy Strait/North Chatham Strait areas listed above.

New releases will be issued each Thursday during May and June this year. Additional openings will be announced in future news releases.

2016 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Week of 4/24 (sw 18)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Ketchikan (101-29)	15	300	30	367
Mountain Point (101-45)	11	79	19	132
West Clarence Strait (102-50)			17	445
Steamer Point (106-30)			*	*
Snow Pass (106-41)	*	*	3	11
North Sumner Strait (106-43)			*	*
Ernest Sound (107-10)	9	55	17	87
Frederick Sound (110-31)	*	*	16	230
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	3	41	27	447
Sitka Sound (113-41)	19	74	50	160
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	*	*	8	55
Point Sophia (114-27)	*	*	4	18
Totals for Region	63	594	193	1,957

*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported.
 **Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, tender deliveries still pending.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:**KETCHIKAN AREAS**

West Rock (Fishery Area 101-21): The waters of Section 1-F south of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat., 131°58.37' W. long., and north of the latitude of Barren Island (54°44.75' N. lat.) and north and west of a line from Barren Island to Yellow Rocks to a point 2 miles east of Duke Point at the latitude of Duke Point (54°55.12' N. lat., 131°08.34' W. long.).

Ketchikan Area (Fishery area 101-29) modified area: In Section 1F, waters north of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat., 131°58.37' W. long., in Tongass Narrows north of the latitude of Rosa Reef Light at 55°24.81' N. lat., and south of the latitude of Guard Island Light at

55°26.76' N. lat., and south and east of a line from Guard Island Light to the West Clarence Strait spring troll area boundary at 55°22.89' N. lat., 131°56.39' W. long., in waters of Nichols Passage south of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat.). Waters of Felice Strait are closed east of a line from Point White to Survey Point. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

Mountain Point (Fishery Area 101-45): In Section 1F, waters of Nichols Passage north of the latitude of Driest Point (55°10.67' N. lat.) and south of a line from Gravina Point (55°17.25' N. lat., 131°36.88' W. long.) to a point on Revillagigedo Island at 55°18.73' N. lat., 131°35.28' W. long., in Revillagigedo Channel and George Inlet south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00' N. lat., and north of a line from 55°13.13' N. lat., 131°16.22' W. long., to 55°11.53' N. lat., 131°18.93' W. long. Waters of Carroll Inlet and Thorne Arm are open. Waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed.

Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 101-95): From April 15 through June 11, the THA includes only those waters east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island to 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. long., until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net. Beginning Sunday, June 12, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point.

Stone Rock Bay (Fishery area 102-09): Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of 54°42.86' N. lat., west of the longitude of 131°56.42' W. long., and south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°45.98' N. lat.

Kendrick Bay (Fishery area 102-10): Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°45.98' N. lat., south of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat., 131°58.37' W. long., and west of the Districts 1/2 boundary. Beginning June 15, the waters of the Kendrick Bay THA are excluded from the Kendrick Bay spring troll area and are open to troll gear during concurrent purse seine fishing periods established by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of the waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. long., and the waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. long.

West Clarence Strait (Fishery area 102-50): In District 2, waters of Clarence Strait south of the latitude of South Vallenar Point at 55°22.89' N. lat., and north of a line from the westernmost tip of Point White located on Duke Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island located on the northern entrance to Kendrick Bay at 54°54.13' N. lat., 131°58.37' W. long.

WRANGELL AND PRINCE OF WALES AREAS

Bucareli Bay (Fishery area 103-50): In the waters of Ursua Channel and Bucareli Bay south and west of a line from a point on San Fernando Island at 55°30.11' N. lat., 133°16.83' W. long., to Cape Suspiro west of 133°04.00' W. long. (within Port St. Nicholas), and north east of a line from Point Amargura to 55°24.67' N. lat., 133°21.18' W. long., to Point Providence.

South Sumner Strait (Fishery area 105-41): In District 6, the waters of Sumner Strait west of a line from Point Baker to Point Barrie and in District 5, the waters of Sumner Strait north of a line at the latitude of the northernmost tip of the northern Barrier Island.

Steamer Point (Fishery area 106-30): In Stikine Strait, only in those waters of Sections 6-C and 6-D north and east of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

Snow Pass (Fishery area 106-41): The waters of Sections 6-B, 6-C, and 6-D north of a line from Luck Point to Point Stanhope and west and south of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Point Nesbitt to Key Reef Light to Point Harrington.

North Sumner Strait (Fishery area 106-43): The waters of Section 6-A, west of a line from Colpoys Light to the southernmost tip of Mitchell Point and east of a line from Point Baker to Point Barrie.

Ernest Sound (Fishery Area 107-10): The waters of District 7 west of 131°56.00' W. long. The waters of Anita Bay THA are excluded.

Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 107-35): The waters of Anita Bay west of a line from Anita Point to a point on Etolin Island at 56°14.26' N. lat., 132°23.92' W. long.

District 8 Directed (Fishery Area 108-41): The waters of District 8, with the following restrictions:

Babbler Point Area: waters off the Stikine River will be closed within one-quarter mile of the mainland shoreline south of 56°30.47' N. lat.;

Wrangell Harbor Area: waters off the Stikine River will be closed within one-quarter mile of the shoreline on the western side of Wrangell Island south of the latitude of Point Highfield and north of the latitude of Cemetery Point;

Greys Pass: waters off the Stikine River will be closed west of the longitude of a line from the northernmost tip of Greys Island to Rynda Island, and waters north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Greys Island to 56°30.52' N. lat., 132°34.31' W. long., on Sokolof Island to the southernmost point on Rynda Island;

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary line one nautical mile off Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick.

Note: Trollers are advised to use caution near the marine research mooring just outside LeConte Bay. Details can be found in the *2016 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan*.

CHATHAM STRAIT AND FREDERICK SOUND AREAS

Little Port Walter (Fishery area 109-10): In Chatham Strait, only in those waters of Section 9-A south of a line from Patterson Point Light to Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat., 134°19.08' W. long.) and north of 56°15.83' N. lat. (located immediately south of Graveyard Cove), including all waters of Patterson Bay, Deep Cove, Port Herbert, Port Walter, Port Lucy, and Port Conclusion.

Note: Trollers are advised to use caution near the marine research moorings in Little Port Walter. Details can be found in the *2016 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan*.

Port Armstrong Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery Area 109-11): waters of Port Armstrong west of a line from Point Eliza at 56°17.73' N. lat., 134°38.75' W. long., to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 56°17.98' N. lat., 134°38.35' W. long. Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. lat., 134°40.27' W. long., to 56°17.67' N. lat., 134°39.64' W. long., are closed.

Tebenkof Bay (Fishery Area 109-62): In Section 9-B, the waters of Tebenkof Bay south of a line from Patterson Point Light to Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat., 134°19.08' W. long), north of the latitude of Point Harris Light (56°17.41' N. lat., 134°17.96' W. long) and east of 134°24.00' W. long.

Frederick Sound (Fishery area 110-31): In Frederick Sound, those waters north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Point Macartney to 57°06.00' N. lat., 134°03.35' W. long., south and east of a line from 57°06.00' N. lat., 134°03.35' W. long., to McDonald Rock buoy, south of the line from McDonald Rock buoy to the point of land on the mainland east of Entrance Island at 57°25.32' N. lat., 133°25.63' W. long., and north and west of a line from the northernmost tip of Boulder Point to Point Highland at 57°08.83' N. lat., 133°25.77' W. long. Waters of Port Houghton east of 133°11.00' W. long., are closed.

Chatham Strait (Fishery Area 112-12): The waters of Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound south of the latitude of Point Hepburn, including the waters of Freshwater Bay, Tenakee Inlet, and Kelp Bay, and excluding the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Area (112-22); waters north of a line from Patterson Point Light to Point Ellis (56°33.12' N. lat., 134°19.08' W. long.), including Keku Strait and Port Camden and west of the District 9/10 boundary (the southernmost tip of Elliot Island to Point McCartney); waters of Peril Strait and Hoonah Sound north of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.56' N. lat.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (Fishery area 112-22): In Chatham Strait, only those waters of Section 12-A within two nautical miles of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. lat. (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay (5 AAC 33.374(a)).

SITKA AREAS

Western Channel (Fishery area 113-01): In waters of Sitka Sound northeast of a line from Kulichkof Rock to Vitskari Island Light to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°03.42' N. lat., 135°36' W. long., south of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., to 57°01.50' N. lat., 135°24.25' W. long. (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., through The Eckholms Light, with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to Kulichkof Rock.

Redoubt Bay (Fishery area 113-30): In waters of Sitka Sound south of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock and east and north of a line from Kulichkof Rock to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock to a point on Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat., 135°23.49' W. long.

Biorka Island (Fishery area 113-31): In waters of Sitka Sound south and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Hanus Islet at 56°51.92' N. lat., 135°30.42' W. long., to the northwesternmost point on Peisar Island and west of a line from the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06' N. lat., 135°26.00' W. long., and from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00' N. lat., 135°26.53' W. long., and north and east of a line from the southernmost point on Legma Island to the southernmost point on Liesnoi Island to Point Woodhouse.

Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32): In waters enclosed by a line from Baranof Island at 56°51.40' N. lat., 135°23.49' W. long., to the southernmost point on Viesokoi Rock the southernmost point on Peisar Island to the westernmost point on Torsar Island at 56°51.06' N. lat., 135°26.00' W. long., and from the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the easternmost tip of Blackbird Island to a point on Legma Island at 56°50.00' N. lat., 135°26.53' W. long., and north of the latitude of a line from Legma Island to Elovoi Island at 56°49.20' N. lat., and north and west of a line from 56°49.44' N. lat., 135°23.15' W. long., to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.58' N. lat., 135°22.60' W. long.

Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41): During **May and June** openings, the waters of Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Neva Strait south of 57°15.00' N. lat., and north and east of a line from the westernmost tip of Cape Burunof to Kulichkof Rock to 57°01.50' N. lat., 135°24.25' W. long. (the intersection of a line from a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long. through The Eckholms Light with a line from the southernmost tip of Makhnati Island to Kulichkof Rock), to a point on Kruzof Island at 57°05.00' N. lat., 135°35.00' W. long., including the waters of Nakwasina Passage, Nakwasina Sound, and Katlian Bay. The waters of Silver Bay will be open with the exception of Bear Cove, which is closed east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77' N. lat., 135°09.08' W. long., to the north shore at 57°00.94' N. lat., 135°09.23' W. long. The waters of the Deep Inlet THA, as described below, are included in the Sitka Sound area through May 28. From May 29 through June 18, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long., will be included in the Sitka Sound area. On June 19, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will be excluded from the Sitka Sound area for the remainder of the season. From May 29 through October 1, the waters of the Deep Inlet THA described above will be managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule which was announced in a previous news release on April 7.

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. lat., 135°22.63' W. long., 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. lat., 135°17.67' W. long., to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. lat., 135°16.78' W. long., and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. lat., 135°16.53' W. long. Waters of Sandy Cove will be closed.

Salisbury Sound (Fishery area 113-62): In waters of Peril Strait south of the latitude of Pogibshi Point at 57°30.56' N. lat., waters of Salisbury Sound east of 135°46.00' W. long., and waters of Sukoi Strait and Neva Strait north of 57°15.00' N. lat.

Note: Trollers are advised to use caution near the marine research moorings in St. John Baptist Bay. Details can be found in the *2016 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan*.

NORTH CHATHAM STRAIT AND ICY STRAIT AREAS

Northern Chatham Strait Enhanced Chum (Fishery area 112-16): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.29' N. lat., 134°53.27' W. long., to 58°10.40' N. lat., 135°02.63' W. long., to 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to 58°05.81' N. lat., 134°47.09' W. long.

Lisianski Inlet (Fishery area 113-95): In Section 13A, in waters of Lisianski Inlet south of a line from Dace Rock at 58°05.48' N. lat., 136°26.12' W. long., to Ewe Ledge at 58°05.28' N. lat., 136°27.44' W. long., and east of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat., 136°20.62' W. long., to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.45' N. lat., 136°20.30' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat., 136°21.18' W. long.

Stag Bay (Fishery area 113-97): In waters of Lisianski Strait north of a line from Point Theodore through Point Urey and south and west of a line from a point on Yakobi Island at 58°00.67' N. lat., 136°20.62' W. long., to the southernmost tip of Miner Island at 58°00.45' N. lat., 136°20.30' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Rock Point at 58°00.17' N. lat., 136°21.18' W. long., including the waters of Stag Bay.

Cross Sound (Fishery area 114-21): In waters of Section 14-A west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Dundas (58°18.93' N. lat., 136°16.79' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the prominent point on the northeastern side of the Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat., 136°16.75' W. long., and east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Taylor Island to 58°10.00' N. lat., then east to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

South Passage (Fishery area 114-23): In waters of Icy Strait south and east of a line extending from the prominent point on the northeastern side of Inian Peninsula at 58°13.43' N. lat., 136°16.75' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to the northernmost tip of Lemesurier Island to Point Gustavus and north and west of the northern and western boundaries of the Homeshore and Point Sophia areas, including the waters of Icy Passage.

Homeshore (Fishery area 114-25): In waters of Section 14-C, only in the waters of Icy Strait east of the longitude of Noon Point (135°32.20' W. long.), west of 135°09.60' W. long., and north of a line from 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78' N. lat., 135°15.48' W. long., to a point one mile offshore at the longitude of Point Adolphus (Point Sophia area northern boundary).

Point Couverden (Fishery area 114-25-01): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°11.63' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long., to 58°09.58' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long., to 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to 58°10.00' N. lat., 135°02.35' W. long., to 58°10.00' N. lat., 135°06.24' W. long., to 58°11.63' N. lat., 135°09.60' W. long.

Point Sophia (Fishery area 114-27): In Sections 14-B, 14-C, and 12-A, in waters of Icy Strait and Chatham Strait bounded by a line from Point Adolphus (58°17.25' N. lat., 135°47.00' W. long.) to a point one mile due north of Point Adolphus to the northern tip of the northernmost island of the Sisters Islands at 58°10.78' N. lat., 135°15.48' W. long., to the western Hawk Inlet area boundary at a line from 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta.

Port Althorp (Fishery area 114-50): In waters of Section 14-A in Lisianski Inlet north of a line from Dace Rock at 58°05.48' N. lat., 136°26.12' W. long., to Ewe Ledge at 58°05.28' N. lat., 136°27.44' W. long., and in Cross Sound and Lisianski Inlet bounded by a line from Soapstone Point (58°06.36' N. lat., 136°29.96' W. long.), to the Cape Spencer light, then east at the latitude of 58°10.00' N. lat., to Althorp Rock Light, then north to the light at the entrance to Elfin Cove.

Hawk Inlet (Fishery area 112-65): In waters enclosed by a line from 58°05.81' N. lat., 134°47.09' W. long., to 58°07.78' N. lat., 135°00.78' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Point Augusta, and north of the latitude of Point Hepburn, including waters of Hawk Inlet.

YAKUTAT AREA

Yakutat Bay (Fishery Area 183-10): The waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from Point Manby (59°41.66' N. lat., 140°19.70' W. long.) to Ocean Cape (59°32.06' N. lat., 139°51.46' W. long.).

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If more than one area is fished, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on **separate fish tickets** (5 AAC 29.090(k)). The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0316, 1S0816, 1E0416, 1E0516.

The 2016 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes area maps, is available online and in area offices.

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

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