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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:

**Information on future openings to be announced next week, pending data*

Ketchikan areas:

West Rock (101-21)	June 15-17
Ketchikan (101-29)	June 9-12*
Mountain Point (101-45)	June 12-18
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	June 15-17
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 12-14
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	June 12-15

Wrangell/Prince of Wales areas:

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	Closed*
South Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 12
Steamer Point (106-30)	June 12-16
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 12-18
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	June 12-18
Ernest Sound (107-10)	June 12-18
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 15-18
Craig Point (108-40)	June 15-18

Chatham Strait/Frederick Sound areas:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 14-17
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	June 11*
Frederick Sound (110-31)	June 12-18
Chatham Strait (112-12)	June 12-18

Sitka areas:

Western Channel (113-01)	June 12-13
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 13
Biorka Island (113-31)	June 12
Goddard (113-32)	June 12-14
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 13-16
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 15-18

Pelican areas:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	June 12–16
Stag Bay (113-97)	June 12–18
Port Althorp (114-50)	June 12–16

Icy Strait/North Chatham areas open June 12–18:

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

District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon areas open June 13–16:

Northern Chatham Strait (112-16)
Point Couverden (114-25-01)

Note: these fisheries are open to chum and pink salmon retention only.

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) June 16

The **Terminal Harvest Areas** listed below will remain open until further notice:

Neets Bay (101-95), Anita Bay (107-35), Port Armstrong (109-11), Hidden Falls (112-22)

DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA (113-38)

The waters of the Deep Inlet THA are currently managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule. From May 29 through June 18, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long., are included in the Sitka Sound spring troll area. On June 19, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will be excluded from the Sitka Sound spring troll area for the remainder of season. A description of THA boundaries and fishing schedules can be found in the Deep Inlet news release issued on April 7. The Deep Inlet THA will be open to troll gear each Saturday through October 1.

FREDERICK SOUND AREA (110-31)

On June 1, the Frederick Sound area was extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long.) to Beacon Point, excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand Point and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat., 133°00.00' W. long.) to Wood Point.

KENDRICK BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA

The Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area will be open to troll and purse seine gear from June 15 through September 30 to allow harvest of hatchery-produced chum salmon.

MARINE RESEARCH MOORING

St. John Baptist Bay: Trollers are cautioned that the three northwesternmost research receivers have been redeployed. These outermost receivers have been reconfigured with groundline to shore^o and are now void of floatation devices.

SALMON RETENTION BY SPECIES AND ADIPOSE FIN-CLIPPED SALMON

The retention and sale of Coho salmon began June 1. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained and sold year-round. The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An **Exemption Permit** is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

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.

ACTIONS TO CONSERVE UNUK RIVER CHINOOK SALMON

Chinook salmon escapement to the Unuk River has increased annually over the past four years and was within the escapement goal range in 2015. Coded-wire tag recoveries during the past six years indicate

that Unuk River Chinook salmon harvest has occurred mainly during June and in some spring troll fishing areas more than others. Efforts to reduce troll fishery impacts on Unuk River Chinook salmon have focused on those spring areas closest to the Unuk River, as well as migration corridors. Due to below average Alaska hatchery Chinook salmon contributions to the harvest, several of the spring areas identified as Unuk River Chinook salmon corridors have already been reduced in time, and will not require further conservation restrictions at this time. Please refer to the 2016 Spring Troll Management Plan for further details.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1816.

Detailed area descriptions and maps exclusive to the spring troll fisheries can be found in the 2016 Spring Troll Management Plan, which is available in area offices and online.

2016 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 6/5 (SW 24)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)	4	84	32	330
Ketchikan (101-29)			82	909
Mountain Point (101-45)	18	118	132	912
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	7	132	24	289
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	11	194	58	1,052
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	5	31	59	726
Bucareli Bay (103-50)			100	925
Sumner Strait (105-41)	9	128	67	905
Steamer Point (106-30)	7	66	23	192
Snow Pass (106-41)			24	257
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	*	*	14	62
Ernest Sound (107-10)	5	68	68	497
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	8	56	24	137
Craig Point (108-40)	*	*	12	95
District 8 Directed (108-41)			98	559
Little Port Walter (109-10)**			41	224
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**			129	2,302
Frederick Sound (110-31)	7	46	56	592
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	14	170	190	2,073
Hawk Inlet (112-65)			21	125
Western Channel (113-01)	41	530	103	945
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	13	151	98	915
Biorka Island (113-31)	38	415	63	586
Goddard (113-32)	8	80	30	335
Sitka Sound (113-41)	88	808	595	4,083
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	6	24	43	422
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	*	*	46	344
Stag Bay (113-97)			4	37
Cross Sound (114-21)	*	*	7	67
South Passage (114-23)			8	78
Homeshore (114-25)	*	*	18	65
Point Sophia (114-27)	*	*	47	177
Port Althorp (114-50)			31	338
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	9	55	68	348
Totals for Region	306	3,207	2,415	21,903

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

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

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