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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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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:

*\*TBA: future openings to be announced next week, pending receipt of data*

**Ketchikan areas:**

West Rock (101-21)	TBA*
Ketchikan (101-29)	June 18–21
Mountain Point (101-45)	June 19–25
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	June 20–22
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 23–24
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	June 19–22

**Wrangell/Prince of Wales areas:**

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 20
South Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 19
Steamer Point (106-30)	June 19–23
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 19–25
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	June 19–25
Ernest Sound (107-10)	June 19–25
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 23–26
Craig Point (108-40)	June 23–26

**Chatham Strait/Frederick Sound areas:**

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 21–25
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	June 18
Frederick Sound (110-31)	June 19–25
Chatham Strait (112-12)	June 19–25

**Sitka areas:**

Western Channel (113-01)	Closed
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 19
Biorka Island (113-31)	June 20
Goddard (113-32)	June 19–21
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 20–23
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 22–25

**Pelican areas:**

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	June 19–24
Stag Bay (113-97)	June 19–25
Port Althorp (114-50)	June 19–24

**Icy Strait/North Chatham areas open June 19–25:**

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 20–23:**

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 23

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. The waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long. are included in the Sitka Sound spring troll area through June 18. 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 THA will be open to trolling each Saturday.

**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, 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 reminded that an Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring and summer troll fisheries 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 1S2216.

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.

<b>2016 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort</b>				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 6/12 (SW 25)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)**			44	463
Ketchikan (101-29)	28	169	110	1,078
Mountain Point (101-45)	19	226	164	1,256
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	*	*	27	369
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	10	383	71	1,512
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	4	48	64	783
Bucareli Bay (103-50)			99	925
Sumner Strait (105-41)	6	44	76	984
Steamer Point (106-30)	12	111	40	355
Snow Pass (106-41)	6	130	32	393
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	*	*	17	69
Ernest Sound (107-10)			74	569
Chichagof Pass (108-10)			25	138
Craig Point (108-40)			13	97
District 8 Directed (108-41)			96	559
Little Port Walter (109-10)**			62	354
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**			167	2,806
Frederick Sound (110-31)	3	24	63	626
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	7	110	219	2,368
Hawk Inlet (112-65)			22	135
Western Channel (113-01)	69	838	177	1,862
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	10	73	107	1,007
Biorka Island (113-31)	34	255	105	989
Goddard (113-32)	11	105	41	451
Sitka Sound (113-41)	88	518	720	5,078
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	67	624
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)			50	388
Stag Bay (113-97)			4	37
Cross Sound (114-21)			6	64
South Passage (114-23)			9	80
Homeshore (114-25)	*	*	20	75
Point Sophia (114-27)			47	193
Port Althorp (114-50)			33	348
Yakutat Bay (183-10)			68	353
<b>Totals for Region</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>27,388</b>

\*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

\*\*Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, late week opening or tender deliveries still pending.

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

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