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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the first Chinook salmon opening of the general summer commercial troll season **will close to the retention of Chinook at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2016.** The initial target harvest of 125,800 Chinook is expected to be reached by this time. Following the closure, Chinook may not be retained in commercial troll fisheries outside of hatchery Terminal Harvest Areas (THA). Trollers should consult the latest THA News Releases for information regarding THA open periods. The remainder of the troll Chinook allocation will be targeted during the second Chinook retention period in August. Details will be announced in a future News Release.

All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling for other species. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing,

Areas of Frequent High Chinook Salmon Abundance

Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high Chinook abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025, **will be closed** for the remainder of the season. Please refer to the map on page 2 of this news release.

The department does not intend to implement a Mark Select Fishery at this time. If the troll Chinook salmon allocation is not taken during the second Chinook salmon opening in August, and if the number of Chinook remaining is not sufficient to allow a competitive fishery, a Limited Harvest Fishery may be opened no earlier than September 1, for up to 10 days, to harvest the remainder of the troll allocation [5 AAC 29.100 (c)(2)(D)]. If that situation occurs, a mark select fishery could be considered.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1S3716.

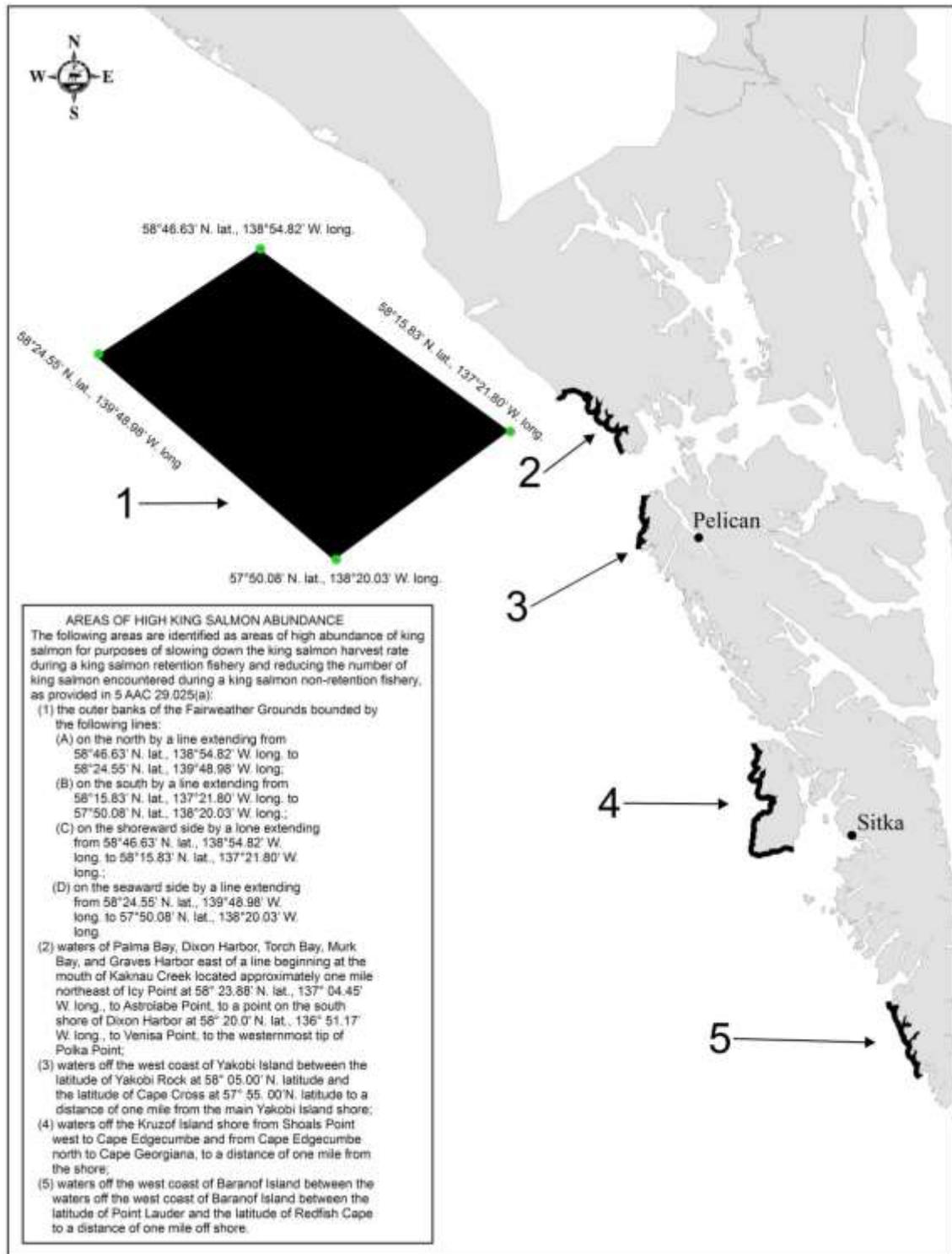
The 2016 Summer Troll Management Plan, which includes area maps, is available online and in area offices.

The summer troll fishery webpage can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

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

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Areas of High Chinook Salmon Abundance closed to trolling for all species following the initial Chinook salmon retention period during the summer troll season.