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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information in cooperation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) concerning common property net and troll fisheries in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

NSRAA is close to meeting chum salmon cost recovery goals and 70,000 of the 95,000 chum salmon necessary for broodstock have been taken. The NSRAA Board has requested a Deep Inlet re-opening schedule as follows, unless changed by a subsequent announcement:

The following rotation schedule will be in effect through October 1, 2016, unless changed by a subsequent announcement:

Seine: From August 28 through October 1, the purse seine fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday and Wednesday of each week.

Gillnet: From August 29 through October 1, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.

Troll: The troll fishery is open during periods the net fisheries are closed including:  
- From August 27 through October 1, the troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Saturday of each week.

The Deep Inlet THA is described as follows:

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. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude 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. latitude, 135°17.67' W. longitude to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. latitude, 135°16.78' W. longitude and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. latitude, 135°16.53' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Sandy Cove: all waters will be closed.

Anadromous stream closures within the Deep Inlet THA (defined above) will not be in effect during the period this news release is in effect.

Net fishermen in the Deep Inlet THA fishery must retain and utilize all salmon harvested this season by emergency order under 5 AAC 39.265. This action is being taken in order to promote full utilization of salmon, to determine harvest patterns of incidentally harvested coho and sockeye salmon, and ensure full and accurate reporting of returns. All sockeye and coho salmon caught in the Deep Inlet THA fishery which are retained for personal use and not sold must be reported on fish tickets at the same time other salmon harvested during the opening are off-loaded and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen are advised that any fish on board from other openings should be kept separate for reporting and sampling purposes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Deep Inlet THA: Purse seine and gillnet fishermen must retain all Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA. Chinook salmon of any size harvested by both purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen may be sold. Troll fishermen may only retain and sell Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1416.

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