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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The troll fishery **will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 3.** The second Chinook salmon retention period harvest target and remaining annual troll allocation of 73,300 Chinook is expected to be reached by this time.

**All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling. All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within 7 days of landing.** A catcher-processor (FAS) that retains coho salmon onboard after the Chinook closure must submit a fish ticket to the department within 7 days after offloading Chinook. The ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Trollers are reminded that the **waters of frequent high king salmon abundance**, described in 5 AAC 29.025, **will be closed** for the remainder of the season.

An experimental Mark Select Fishery will be implemented beginning 12:01 a.m., September 4, to harvest Chinook salmon of hatchery origin, as indicated by the absence of an adipose fin. This fishery is being implemented in accordance with 5 AAC 29.060 to harvest the remaining all-gear annual Chinook salmon harvest ceiling established by the Pacific Salmon Commission. Chinook greater than 28" with an adipose fin clip may be retained and sold. All other Chinook must be released. The fishery will be open until further notice and will close by emergency order.

Following the Chinook salmon closure, the Anita Bay, Nakat Inlet and Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) will be open for retention of all species, though troll openings in Deep Inlet are limited to each Saturday through October 1. All Chinook harvested in a THA must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling outside the THA. The Hidden Falls THA will be open for all species except Chinook. The Neets Bay THA (waters east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island) will remain closed to trolling.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this news release is EO 1S7816.

Copies of the 2016 *Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan* may be obtained from department area offices or from the troll website:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans)

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