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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 the following information concerning the commercial salmon troll fishery.

The Southeast/Yakutat troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2016, with the following restrictions:**

The experimental Mark Select Fishery remains open and only king salmon greater than 28" with an adipose fin clip may be retained and sold. All other king salmon must be released.

The areas of frequent high king salmon abundance [5 AAC 29.025] will remain closed.

The extension is being implemented based on projections by the department that escapement goals will be met after considering harvest and effort. Coho catch rates in the troll and drift gillnet fisheries have improved recently.

#### **LANDING REQUIREMENTS**

Coho, chum, pink and sockeye salmon may be retained and sold. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. The operator of a fishing vessel whose port of delivery is outside the State of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported out of the State. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

#### **TERMINAL AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (THA AND SHA)**

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-11) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95), currently defined as the waters east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.10' W. longitude, will remain closed to trolling until further notice:

Waters of Neets Bay west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.10' W. longitude will be open through September 30 as part of West Behm Canal.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to trolling for all species through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

The Port Armstrong SHA (109-11) will remain open to trolling through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. latitude, 134°40.27' W. longitude to 56°17.67' N. latitude, 134°39.64' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

The Mist Cove SHA (109-13) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters south of a line from 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.20' W. longitude to 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.12' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

The Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will remain open to trolling for all species except king salmon through 11:59 p.m., October 10, with the following restriction:

Waters are closed north and west of a line between a point at 57°13.17' N. latitude, 134°51.86' W. longitude and a point at 57°13.08' N. latitude, 134°52.02' W. longitude, and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N. latitude, 134°52.24' W. longitude to 57°13.06' N. latitude, 134°52.20' W. longitude.

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will remain open to trolling through October 1 for all species according to the rotational schedule described in a news release issued on August 25.

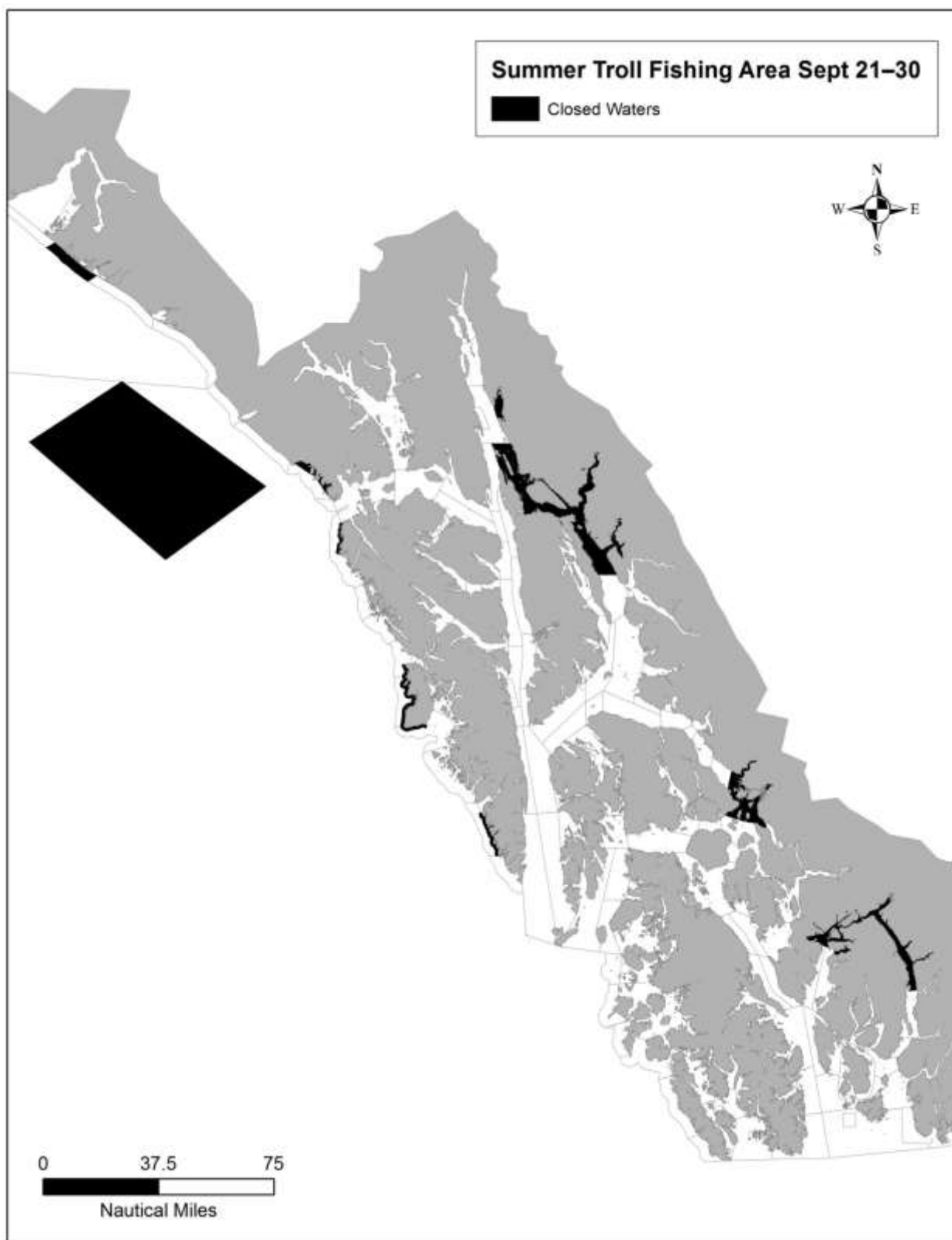
## **WINTER TROLL FISHERY**

The 2016–2017 winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2016. The *2016–2017 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available by early October in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website.

The 2016 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at:

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

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S8416, 1E0516.



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