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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:

Chinook Salmon

A total of 66,000 non-Alaska hatchery origin (treaty) Chinook salmon were harvested by trollers during the first summer opening and mark select fishery, leaving an estimated 31,000 treaty Chinook salmon remaining from the annual troll allocation. However, with many of the Chinook salmon stocks from Alaska, Canada, and Washington that contribute to Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial troll fishery exhibiting poor production and not meeting escapement goals or objectives in 2017, conservation measures are necessary to reduce harvest on these stocks. Correspondingly, under the authority of the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, retention of Chinook salmon in the troll fishery will remain closed for the duration of summer, including all terminal harvest areas. Additional information regarding this closure can be found in the press release from the Office of the Commissioner at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=pressreleases.main>.

Coho Salmon

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery will remain open until further notice. There will be no mid-August troll closure for coho salmon management this season. A troll closure is not required by regulation, since there will not be a second Chinook salmon retention period during the summer fishery. Based on the second assessment of the coho salmon run strength, catch rates, effort and projected catches the department has determined that a troll closure is not needed at this time for conservation or allocation purposes.

The department will continue to closely monitor abundance indicators as the season progresses and will take appropriate action should the run fail to develop as expected.

The Waters of Frequent High King Salmon Abundance will remain closed (5 AAC 29.025).

Retention of Chinook salmon in all terminal harvest areas will close at 11:59 p.m., August 9.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this news release are EO 1E0117, 1E0217, 1E0317, 1E0417, 1E0517.

The 2017 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

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

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