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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The **2017–2018 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial winter troll fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2017.** With ongoing concerns for Southeast Alaska (SEAK) wild Chinook salmon stocks, the department will continue to closely monitor the stock composition of Chinook salmon troll fisheries, managing to minimize the impact on wild SEAK Chinook. The opportunity to harvest the winter troll GHF is being provided **through December 31** at this time. A news release concerning potential opening dates for the late winter fishery, January 1–April 30, will be issued in late December, following an evaluation of the harvest from the early winter fishery, October 11–December 31.

The coordinates for the 2017–2018 winter troll fishery remain unchanged. These coordinates can be found in the *2017–2018 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan*, and are described as follows [5 AAC 29.020(b)]:

- (b) the winter fishery is confined to an area east of a line across Yakutat Bay from the westernmost tip of **Point Manby** at 59°41.66' N. lat., 140°19.70' W. long., to 59°40.02' N. lat., 140°24.36' W. long., to 59°31.25' N. lat., 139°53.69' W. long., to **Ocean Cape** at 59°32.06' N. lat., 139°51.46' W. long., and a line from the southernmost tip of **Cape Spencer** (58°12.62' N. lat., 136°39.82' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Yakobi Rock** (58°05.15' N. lat., 136°33.79' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Cape Cross** (57°54.70' N. lat., 136°33.76' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Point Theodore** (57°50.73' N. lat., 136°27.52' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Edward** to the westernmost tip of **Khaz Point** to the westernmost tip of **Point Slocum** to the westernmost tip of **Klokachef Island** (57°24.17' N. lat., 135°54.42' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Georgiana** (57°19.78' N. lat., 135°51.79' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Point Amelia** (57°13.40' N. lat., 135°52.67' W. long.) to **Cape Edgecumbe Light** (56°59.89' N. lat., 135°51.48' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Point Woodhouse** (56°50.05' N. lat., 135°32.56' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Rogers Island** to the westernmost tip of **Aspid Cape** (56°41.18' N. lat., 135°13.72' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **North Cape** (56°35.68' N. lat., 135°08.37' W. long.) to 56°22.77' N. lat., 134°57.00' W. long., to 56°19.50' N. lat., 134°54.00' W. long. to the southwesternmost tip of **Puffin Point** to the northwesternmost tip of **Bahrovoi Point** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Ommaney** (56°09.63' N. lat., 134°40.25' W. long.) to **Nation Point** (55°55.66' N. lat., 134°20.10' W. long.) to **Helm Point** (55°49.42' N.

lat., 134°16.95' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Cape Addington** (55°26.28' N. lat., 133°49.49' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Chirikof** (55°18.14' N. lat., 133°41.49' W. long.) to **Cape Bartolome Light** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Felix** (55°12.49' N. lat., 133°24.97' W. long.) to the westernmost tip of **Bruin Point** to the westernmost tip of **Sakie Point** to the westernmost tip of **Cape Augustine** to the westernmost tip of **Rockwell Point** to the westernmost tip of **Ritter Point** to the westernmost tip of **Point Bazan** to the westernmost tip of **Security Point** to **Point Cornwallis Light** to the southernmost tip of **Liscome Point** to the westernmost tip of **Wolk Point** to 54°39.87' N. lat., 132°43.53' W. long., to **Cape Muzon Light** to the southernmost tip of **Point Nunez** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Chacon** (54°41.37' N. lat., 132°01.08' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **West Rock** (54°48.60' N. lat., 131°29.94' W. long.) to the southernmost tip of **Yellow Rocks** (54°47.30' N. lat., 131°14.21' W. long.) to **Tree Point Light** to **Lord Rock Light** to a point on the **International Boundary** at 130°49.00' W. long.

CLOSED WATERS

In addition to the winter troll closed waters described under 5 AAC 29.080 (b), trollers are reminded that the waters of Section 15-A are closed to troll gear through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (THA)

As previously announced, the Anita Bay and Nakat Inlet THAs will be open to trolling through November 10. Chinook salmon retention will be allowed in these THAs beginning October 11, and Terminal Harvest Areas and Special Harvest Areas that have closed will be opened as waters of the winter troll fishery.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery. In addition to the reporting requirements specified in 5 AAC 39.130, trollers and processors are requested to record a 5-digit statistical area for salmon and the corresponding 6-digit statistical area for groundfish bycatch on fish tickets as well as trip starting, ending, and landing dates.

The *2017–2018 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website during the week of October 1.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7117.

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

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