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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

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

The following terminal and special harvest areas (THA/SHA) **opened at 12:01 a.m., May 1, and will remain open until further notice:**

Neets Bay THA (101-95), Port Armstrong SHA (109-11), Hidden Falls THA (112-22), and Silver Bay THA (113-35).

Additional THA openings are as follows:

Deep Inlet THA (113-38) opened May 1, see troll gear schedule in April 4 Deep Inlet news release
Anita Bay THA (107-35) opened May 15, see troll gear schedule in April 3 Anita Bay news release
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) opened June 1 to troll gear, see May 4 Carroll Inlet news release

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Ketchikan area:

Mountain Point (101-45) June 11-14

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) June 11-12

Sitka area:

Western Channel (113-01) June 11
Goddard (113-32) June 11
Redoubt Bay (113-30) June 11-12
Sitka Sound (113-41) June 11-15
Salisbury Sound (113-62) June 11-14

Note: all Sitka area non-terminal spring troll fisheries return to Monday openings for the month of June.

Icy Strait/Northern Chatham/Keku Strait enhanced chum salmon areas:

Keku Strait (109-42) June 15-30 *closed to Chinook salmon retention*
Cross Sound (114-21) June 15-30 *closed to Chinook salmon retention*
South Passage (114-23) June 15-30 *closed to Chinook salmon retention*
Homeshore (114-25) June 15-30 *closed to Chinook salmon retention*
Point Couverden (114-25-01) June 15; 18-21 *pink and chum retention only*
Northern Chatham Strait (112-16) June 15; 18-21 *pink and chum retention only*

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) June 14

Note: when opened, the Yakutat Bay area spring troll fishery will move to Thursday for the remainder of June.

Maps and further details are provided in the 2018 Spring Troll Management Plan, which is available in area offices and online.

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If more than one area is fished, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

2018 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	Week of 6/3 (SW 23)		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Mountain Point (101-45)	28	188	66	477
Neets Bay THA (101-95)			15	127
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	18	124	104	530
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	*	*	3	43
Western Channel (113-01)	23	125	24	126
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	8	30	43	168
Goddard (113-32)	6	15	6	15
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	3	10	8	26
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)			13	33
Sitka Sound (113-41)	24	107	178	604
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	10	187	20	237
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	10	42	37	126
Totals for Region	132	870	517	2,512

*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

ICY STRAIT/KEKU STRAIT TROLL LOGBOOK PROGRAM

The department is soliciting participation in a troll logbook program that will be conducted during the 2018 spring troll fisheries in the Homeshore, Point Couverden, Northern Chatham Strait, and Keku Strait areas. This program is being implemented to help estimate encounter rates of juvenile Chinook salmon in the directed troll chum fisheries in Icy Strait and Keku Strait. Participants are asked to document all salmon caught in any of these spring troll areas. Port sampling staff will be available for logbook collection and distribution in Sitka, Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, and Juneau. Logbook participants will be compensated \$100 for three days of catch information. Trollers interested in participating may contact program coordinators Rhea Ehresmann (747-6688) or Anne Reynolds Manney (465-2444).

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are, 1S0218, 1S1318.

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

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