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CRAWFISH INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information in cooperation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) concerning common property troll fisheries in the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) and Special Harvest Area (SHA).

The Crawfish Inlet THA and SHA will open to commercial trolling at 12:01 a.m., July 25, for all salmon species **except Chinook salmon**, and will remain open until closed by emergency order.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries, during its January 2018 meeting, passed regulations defining boundaries and establishing legal gear for the Crawfish Inlet THA and SHA. This remote release site was established to provide additional opportunity to the troll fleet to harvest hatchery produced salmon. This season, NSRAA is projecting a total return of 680,000 chum salmon to Crawfish Inlet. Broodstock collection will not occur in Crawfish Inlet, however, NSRAA will be conducting cost recovery within the waters of the SHA once a week.

The Crawfish Inlet THA is described as follows:

> The waters east of a line from 56°44.16′ N. lat., 135°15.80′ W. long., to 56°43.30′ N. lat., 135°17.81′ W. long., to 56°41.93′ N. lat., 135°17.54′ W. long., to 56°41.14′ N. lat., 135°13.80′ W. long., including the waters of Jamboree Bay, Cedar Pass south of 56°47.14′ N. lat., and Crawfish Inlet west of 135°11.05′ W. longitude.
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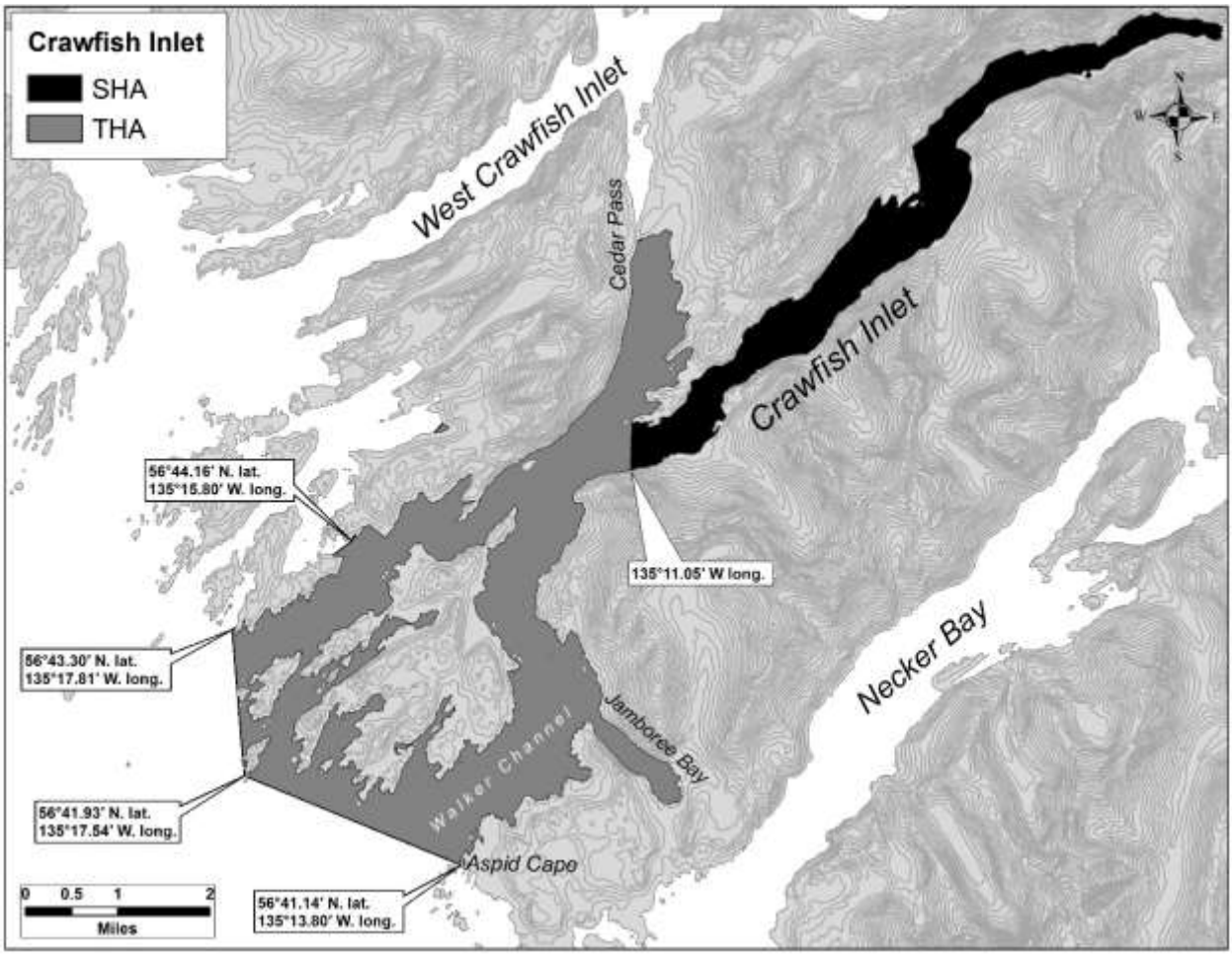
> The Crawfish Inlet SHA consists of the waters Crawfish Inlet east of 135°11.05′ W. longitude.

Trollers should report fish harvested within the Crawfish Inlet THA/SHA as statistical area 113-33.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1218.



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