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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.

Coho Salmon

The troll fishery will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., August 9, 2018, except within areas noted below. The fishery will be closed for five days, from August 10–14, 2018, and will reopen to the taking of all salmon at 12:01 a.m., August 15, 2018.

King Salmon

The troll fishery will open for the retention of king salmon from 12:01 a.m., August 15, 2018, until closed by emergency order. A total of 57,000 treaty king salmon were harvested by trollers during the first summer opening, leaving an estimated 22,000 king salmon (including a 4% Alaska hatchery component) to harvest during the second opening. The areas of high king salmon abundance will remain closed (5 AAC 29.025).

Reporting and Landing Requirements

Following the closure of the coho salmon fishery, coho must be offloaded prior to resuming fishing in the chum salmon areas defined below. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing. A catcher-processor (FAS) that retains frozen coho salmon onboard during the coho closure and king salmon opening must submit a fish ticket to the department within seven days after offloading king salmon. That ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Chum Salmon

Trollers may target chum salmon during the troll closure, August 10–14, 2018, in the areas described below. Coho and king salmon may not be retained during these fisheries (5 AAC 29.112).

Neets Bay (101-90): waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point and west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island.

Sitka Sound (113-41): waters of Sitka Sound and the Eastern Channel east of a line from Vitskari Rock Light to Inner Point, south of a line from Inner Point to Black Rock at 57°03.12' N. lat., 135°25.63' W. long., to Signal Island Light at 57°02.78' N. lat., 135°23.58' W. long., and north of a line from Cape Burunof at 56°59.03' N. lat., 135°23.23' W. long., to Kulichkof Rock at 56°59.52' N. lat., 135°26.62' W. long. to Vitskari Rock Light. The waters of Bear Cove will remain closed (Figure 1).

Crawfish Inlet SHA (113-33): waters of Crawfish Inlet east of 135°11.05' W. long. (Figure 2).

Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

During the closure period, trolling will remain open to all species in the Anita Bay THA (107-35) and the Nakat Inlet THA (101-10). In the Deep Inlet THA (113-38), trolling will be open to retention of all species, according to the rotational schedule announced in the April 4 news release. King and coho salmon harvested in THAs listed above must be offloaded prior to trolling outside THA boundaries during the coho closure.

The Hidden Falls THA will be open to troll retention of all species except king salmon during the closure period, in the area described below:

Hidden Falls THA (112-22): waters within one mile of shore south of 57°15.00' N. lat., north of 57°10.00' N. lat., and west of a line from 57°15.00' N. lat., 134°48.60' W. long., to 57°10.00' N. lat., 134°46.40' W. long. (Figure 3), with the following exception:

Waters north and west of a line from 57°13.17' N. lat., 134°51.86' W. long. to 57°13.08' N. lat., 134°52.02' W. long., and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N. lat., 134°52.24' W. long., to 57°13.06' N. lat., 134°52.20' W. long. will remain closed.

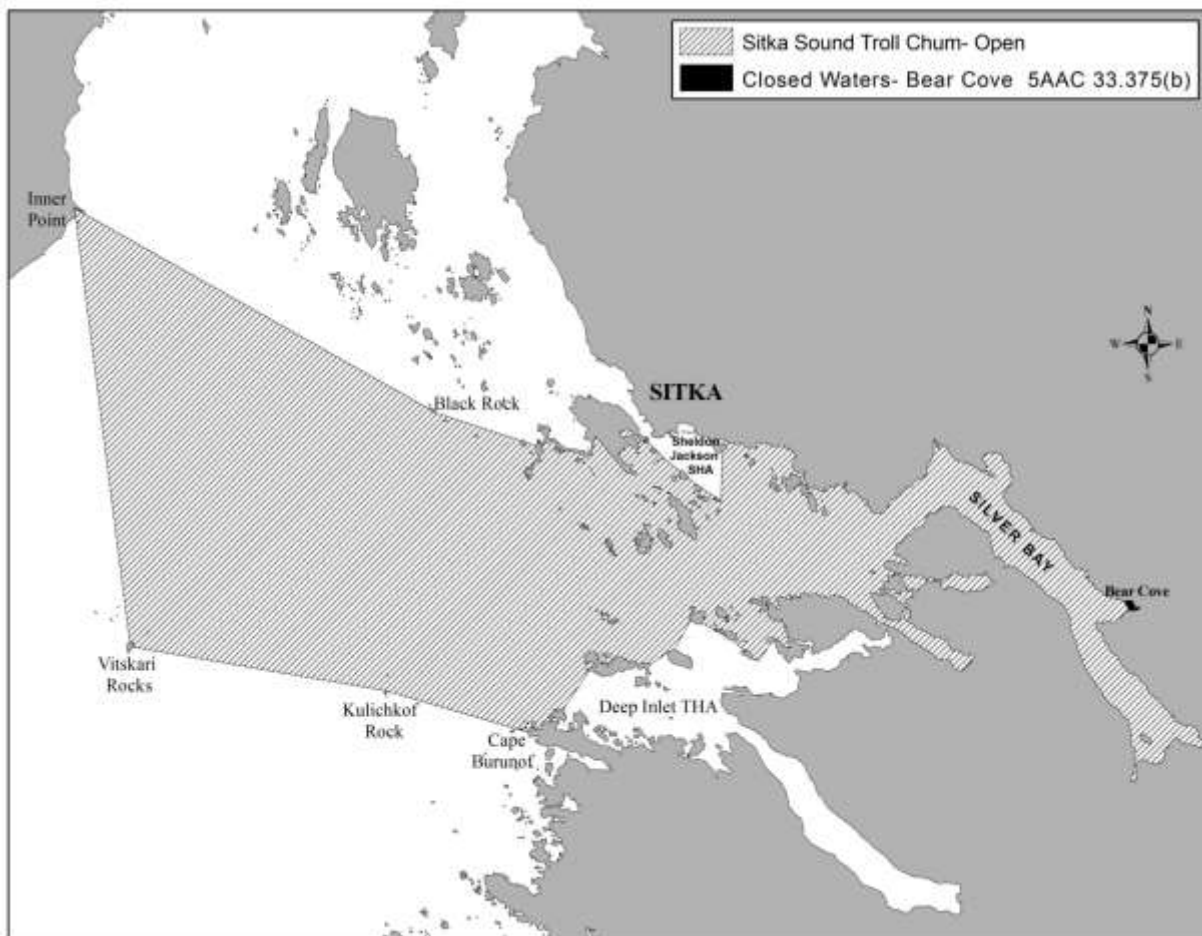


Figure 1.—Waters open to chum trolling in Sitka Sound during summer coho closure.

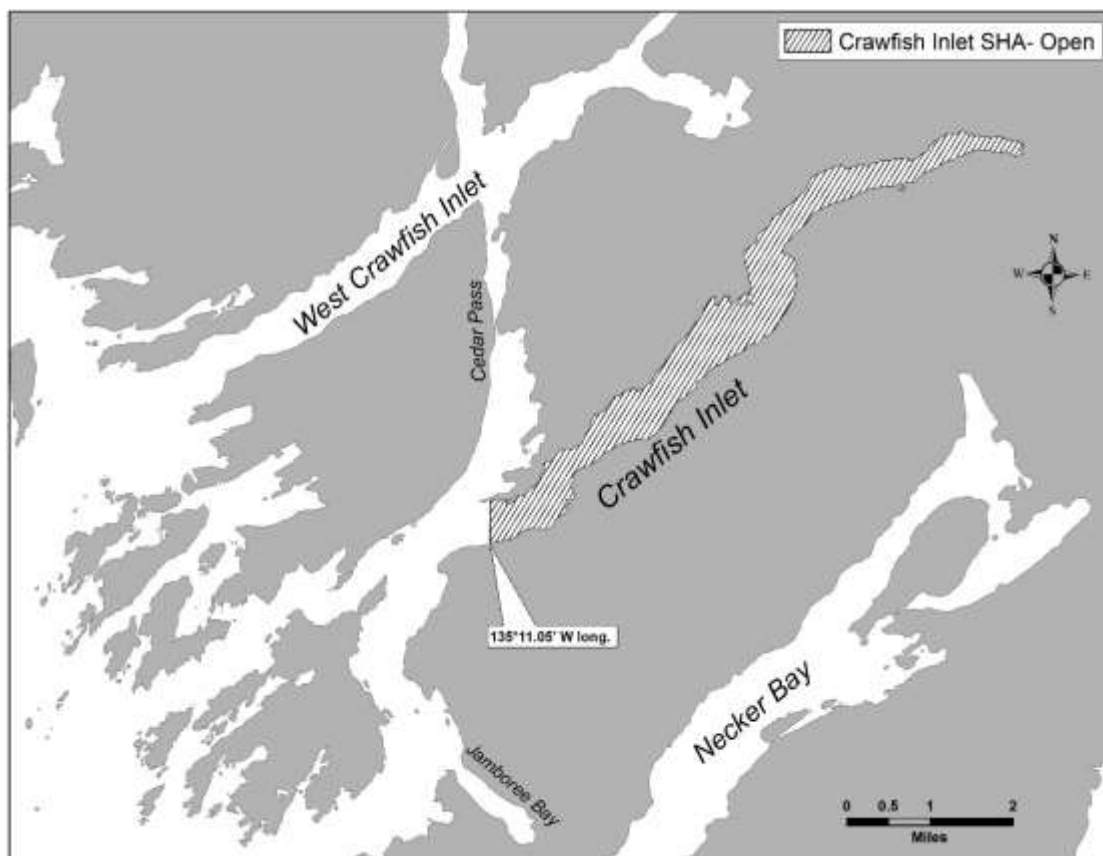


Figure 2.—Waters open to chum trolling in Crawfish Inlet SHA during summer coho closure.

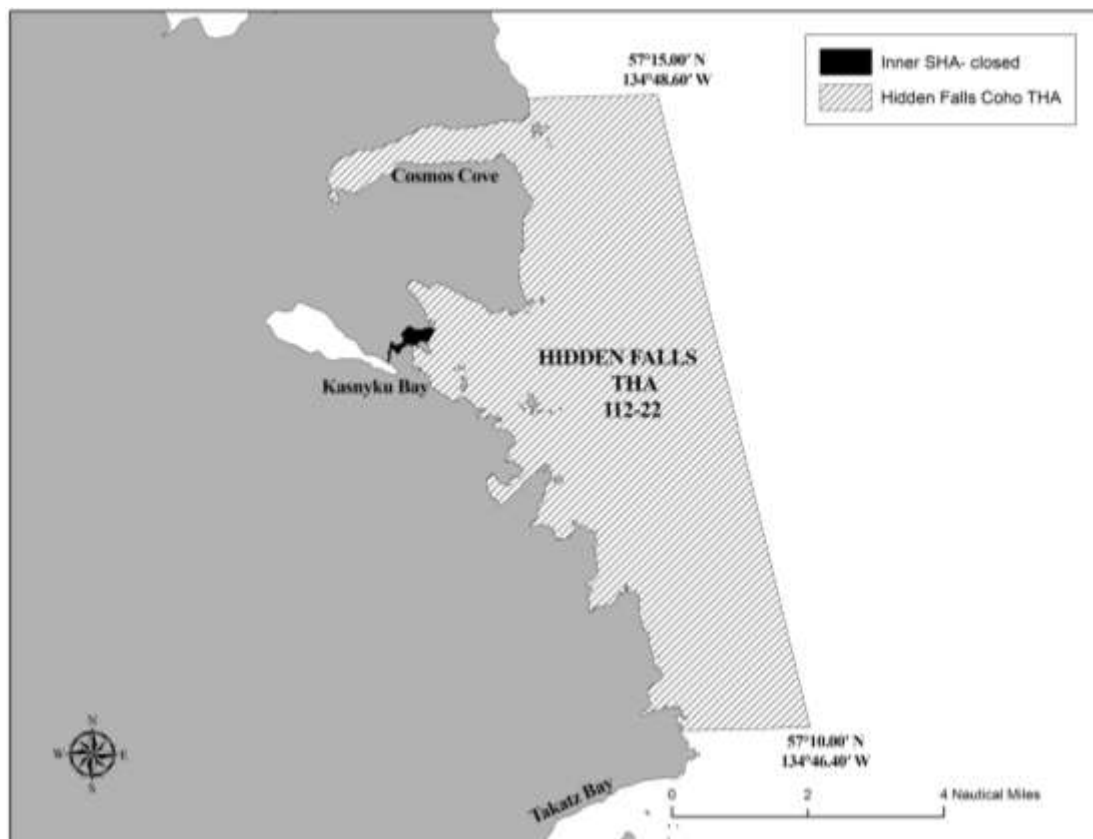


Figure 3.—Waters of Hidden Falls THA open to trolling during summer coho closure.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4818.

Copies of the *2018 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan* may be obtained from department area offices or from the troll website:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

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