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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES 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 net and troll fisheries in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

The following rotation schedule will be in effect through October 27, 2018, unless changed by a subsequent announcement:

Seine: From October 7 through October 27, the purse seine fishery will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week.

Gillnet: From October 7 through October 27, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

Troll: The troll fishery is open during periods the net fisheries are closed including:  
- From October 7 through October 27, the troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Monday of each week.

The Deep Inlet THA is described as follows:

Deep Inlet THA: Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirates Cove at 56°59.35' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Long Island to the easternmost tip of Long Island to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island to the westernmost tip of Error Island to the westernmost tip of Berry Island to the southernmost tip of Berry Island to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.30' N. latitude, 135°17.67' W. longitude to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.08' N. latitude, 135°16.78' W. longitude and then to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N. latitude, 135°16.53' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Sandy Cove: all waters will be closed.

By emergency order issued under 5 AAC 39.265, harvesters participating in net fisheries in the Deep Inlet THA fishery are required to retain and utilize all salmon harvested this season, with the exception of Deep Inlet THA

Chinook salmon (see below for Chinook salmon landing restrictions). This action is being taken in order to promote full utilization of salmon, to prevent waste of salmon, to determine harvest patterns of incidentally harvested coho and sockeye salmon, and so the department and NSRAA have full and accurate reporting of returns. This requires that all sockeye and coho salmon caught in the Deep Inlet THA fishery which are retained for personal use and not sold must be reported on fish tickets at the same time other salmon harvested during the opening are off-loaded and recorded on a fish ticket. Fishermen are advised that if they have fish on board from other openings, in addition to the Deep Inlet THA fishery, they should keep them separate for reporting and sampling purposes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Deep Inlet THA:

- Purse seine: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.
- Drift gillnet: may retain all Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA.
- Troll: may retain and sell any Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1818.

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