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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below are open until further notice:

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm Canal (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Frederick Sound (110-31)	Chatham Strait (112-12)
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)	Stag Bay (113-97)
South Passage (114-23)	Icy Strait (114-25)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)

The spring troll areas listed below will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date.

Ketchikan Area:

West Rock (101-21) June 20-21
Point Alava (101-41) June 20-21
Kendrick Bay (102-10) June 16-18, June 21-25

Petersburg/Wrangell area:

Sumner Strait (105-41) June 20-23
Snow Pass (106-41) June 20-25
Chichagof Pass (108-10) June 20-21
Baht Harbor (108-30) June 20
Craig Point (108-40) June 20

Chatham Strait:

Tebenkof Bay (109-62) **CLOSED**
Little Port Walter (109-10) June 21-24

Pelican area:

Cross Sound (114-21) June 20-22
Lisianski Inlet (113-95) June 18-20, June 25-27
Port Althorp (114-50) June 18-20, June 24-27

Sitka area:

Western Channel (113-01) June 20-24
Biorka Island (113-31) **CLOSED**
Redoubt Bay (113-30) June 20
Salisbury Sound (113-62) June 20-22

The openings may be extended if the Alaska hatchery contributions are high. Any extensions will be given in a future news release.

RETENTION INFORMATION:

Retention and sale of chum, pink and sockeye salmon is open to troll gear all year. **Retention of Coho salmon is now allowed for the remainder of the spring.** From June 1-30, king salmon 26” and greater may be retained in the following terminal harvest areas when those areas are open to trolling: Hidden Falls, Deep Inlet, Neets Bay, Anita Bay and Port Armstrong. When king salmon less than 28” are onboard, trollers may not fish outside of the five THAs listed until the small kings are offloaded.

DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA (113-38):

The waters of Deep Inlet THA are managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule. As a result, all waters within the Deep Inlet THA boundaries are excluded from the Sitka Sound spring troll area. A description of THA boundaries and fishing schedules can be found in the Deep Inlet news release issued April 8. Troll openings in the Deep Inlet THA will occur each Saturday through August 6.

CLOSED WATERS IN SILVER BAY/BEAR COVE:

Within the Sitka Sound area (113-41), the waters of Bear Cove east of a line between the outer ADF&G Regulatory markers are closed until further notice. These waters are closed to protect Chinook salmon brood stock and to prevent damage to fish holding pens.

CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area is fished or if fish are kept for more than one open period, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130). The fishery name and area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as starting and ending dates. All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95) **must be recorded on a fish ticket.**

CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold (5 AAC 29.140 (b)). Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

FAS Vessels

A reminder to all vessels intending to freeze their catch onboard during the Summer troll fishery that they must obtain a permit from the Department to remove the heads of from adipose fin-clipped salmon [5AAC 29.145(c)]. The permit is available at area offices.

The **2011 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes maps and descriptions** of the spring areas, is available at all regional ADF&G offices and is on the troll fishery website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>

2011 Spring Troll Preliminary Chinook Harvest and Effort

Spring Troll Area	Current Week		Cumulative	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)	7	180	16	292
Ketchikan (101-29)	66	1,156	274	3,585
Point Alava (101-41)	*	*	6	28
West Behm (101-90)	5	63	15	171
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	9	155	27	783
Sumner Strait (105-41)	5	28	74	502
Steamer Point (106-30)	9	80	29	251
Snow Pass (106-41)			10	73
Ernest Sound (107-10)	5	59	36	298
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	5	22	60	381
Baht Harbor (108-30)	9	32	35	134
Craig Point (108-40)	3	5	10	48
Little Port Walter (109-10)	*	*	69	1,176
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	4	63	127	3,600
Frederick Sound (110-31)	8	50	75	739
Chatham Strait (112-12)	6	114	110	1,542
Western Channel (113-01)	10	47	56	556
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	7	32	79	1,141
Biorka Island (113-31)			82	2,414
Sitka Sound (113-41)	54	402	594	5,694
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	16	371	68	1,185
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)			10	91
Cross Sound (114-21)	*	*	12	71
South Passage (114-23)			11	56
Icy Strait (114-25)	35	10	125	331
Port Althorp (114-50)	3	69	70	722
Totals for Region	270	2,953	2,080	25,864

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

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Troll Hotline	225-6870	772-3700		747-8765	465-8765			