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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the first Chinook salmon opening of the general summer commercial troll season will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2012. The initial target harvest of 98,135 Chinook salmon is expected to be reached by this time. Following the closure, Chinook salmon may not be retained in commercial troll fisheries outside of hatchery Terminal Harvest Areas (THA). Trollers should consult the latest THA News Releases for information regarding THA open periods. The remainder of the summer Chinook salmon quota will be harvested during the second Chinook salmon retention period in August. Details will be announced in a future News Release.

All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling for other species. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing,

Areas of Frequent High Chinook Salmon Abundance

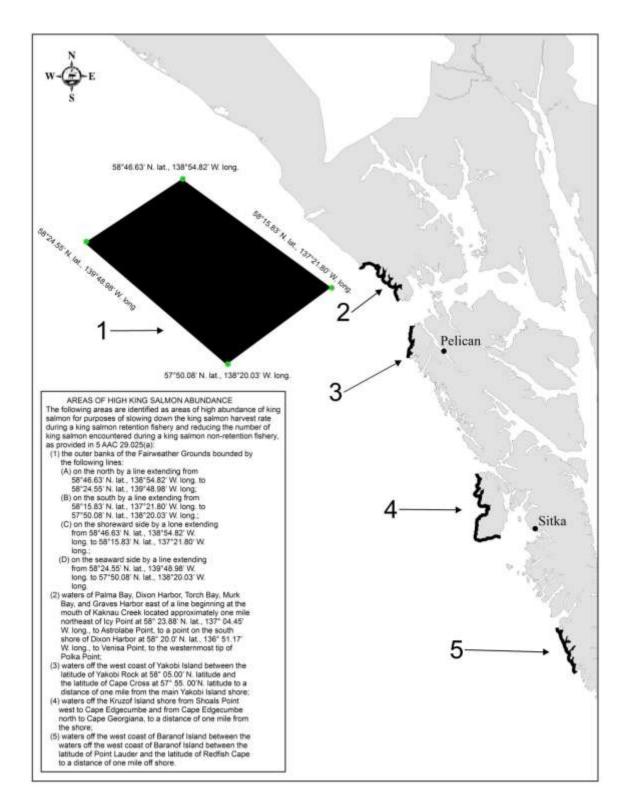
Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high Chinook abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025, will be closed for the remainder of the season. Please refer to the map on page 2 of this news release.

The 2012 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon</u>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S3612.

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

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Areas of High Chinook Salmon Abundance closed to trolling for all species following the initial Chinook salmon opening during the summer troll season.