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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:

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2012, to the retention of all species except king salmon, with the following restrictions:**

District 12: Section 12-B will be closed (waters north of the latitude of Point Couverden).

District 14: Sections 14-B and 14-C will be closed (waters east of a line beginning at 58°13.00' N. latitude, 135°57.00' W. longitude, to Lemesurier Island to Point Carolus, and west of a line from Point Couverden Light to Point Augusta Light).

District 15: will be closed.

The areas of frequent high king salmon abundance [5AAC 29.025] will remain closed.

The extensions are being implemented based on projections by the department that escapement goals will be met after considering harvest and effort. Early escapements in the Yakutat area and most systems in Southeast are near or within their escapement goal ranges. Recent catch rates in the drift gillnet fisheries have generally been average to above-average. The areas scheduled to close on September 20 are not being extended in order to protect relatively weak coho returns to some of the Lynn Canal systems.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (THA)

Trolling will remain open to all species in the Anita Bay THA and Nakat Inlet THA, through November 10, in the Hidden Falls THA through October 10, and in the Deep Inlet THA, each Saturday through September 28.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

WINTER TROLL FISHERY

The 2012–2013 winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2012. The *2012–2013 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available by October 1 in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website.

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

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S9012.

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

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