SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The troll fishery will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 5. The current target harvest for the first Chinook salmon retention period of 56,000 treaty Chinook salmon is expected to be reached by this time.

All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling. All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within 7 days of landing. A catcher-processor (FAS) that retains coho salmon onboard after the Chinook closure must submit a fish ticket to the department within 7 days after offloading Chinook. The 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.

Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025 and shown on the attached map, will be closed for the remainder of the season beginning at 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 5.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

The Herring Bay THA will remain open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through August 30 (5 AAC 33.369). The Silver Bay THA will remain open to troll gear for all species through July 30 (5 AAC 33.375). The Anita Bay THA is open to troll gear for retention of all species through November 10 (5 AAC 33.383). The Port Armstrong SHA is open to troll gear for retention of all species through September 20. The Deep Inlet THA is open to troll gear each Saturday through September 28 for retention of all species (5 AAC 33.376). The Crawfish Inlet, Hidden Falls, Southeast Cove, Thomas Bay, Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, and Neets Bay THAs will close to Chinook salmon retention at 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 5.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement are EO 1S2419.

Copies of the 2019 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan may be obtained from department area offices or from the troll website:

AREAS OF HIGH KING SALMON ABUNDANCE

The following areas are identified as areas of high abundance of king salmon for purposes of slowing down the king salmon harvest rate during a king salmon retention fishery and reducing the number of king salmon encountered during a king salmon non-retention fishery, as provided in 5 AAC 20.025(a):

(i) the outer banks of the Fairweather Grounds bounded by the following lines:
   (A) on the north by a line extending from 58°16.58’ N. lat., 138°54.82’ W. long, to 58°24.55’ N. lat., 139°48.98’ W. long;
   (B) on the south by a line extending from 58°15.83’ N. lat., 137°21.80’ W. long, to 57°50.08’ N. lat., 138°20.03’ W. long;
   (C) on the shorward side by a line extending from 58°46.63’ N. lat., 138°54.82’ W. long, to 58°15.83’ N. lat., 137°21.80’ W. long;
   (D) on the seaward side by a line extending from 58°24.55’ N. lat., 139°48.98’ W. long, to 57°50.08’ N. lat., 138°20.03’ W. long;

(ii) waters of Palma Bay, Dixon Harbor, Torch Bay, Murk Bay, and Graves Harbor east of a line beginning at the mouth of Kaknuk Creek located approximately one mile northeast of Icy Point at 58°25.88’ N. lat., 137°04.45’ W. long, to Astrolab Point, to a point on the south shore of Dixon Harbor at 58°20.00’ N. lat., 136°51.73’ W. long, to Venisa Point, to the westernmost tip of Pelka Point;

(iii) waters off the west coast of Yakobi Island between the latitude of Yakobi Rock at 58°05.00’ N. latitude and the latitude of Cape Cross at 57°55.00’ N. latitude to a distance of one mile from the main Yakobi Island shore;

(iv) waters off the Kruzof Island shore from Shoals Point west to Cape Edgecumbe and from Cape Edgecumbe north to Cape Georgian, to a distance of one mile from the shore;

(v) waters off the west coast of Baranof Island between the latitude of Point London and the latitude of Redfish Cape to a distance of one mile off shore.