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## Advisory Announcement

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### THOMAS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following line adjustment will be in effect for the **Thursday, July 30, 2020** purse seine fishing period **from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Thomas Bay terminal harvest area (THA):

The Thomas Bay THA are those waters of Thomas Bay northeast of a line from Point Vandeput at 57°00.94' N lat, 133°00.02' W long, to Wood Point at 56°59.54' N lat, 132°56.95' W long, northwest of a line from a point on the mainland shoreline at 56°59.57' N lat, 132°54.02' W long to Ruth Island at 57°00.42' N lat, 132°51.07' W long, north of line from a point on the southeastern shoreline of Ruth Island at 56°58.70' N lat, 132°49.13' W long **to the mainland shoreline at 56°58.48' N lat, 132°47.20' W long (approximately 0.13 nautical miles south of Delta Creek)**, west of a line from the mainland shoreline at 56°59.38' N lat, 132°47.60' W long to the southern tip of Spray Island at 56°59.80' N lat, 132°47.73' W long, to the northern tip of Spray Island at 57°00.07' N lat, 132°47.80' W long, to the mainland shoreline at 57°00.56' N lat, 132°47.57' W long, and south of a line from 57°03.00' N lat, 132°49.62' W long, to 57°03.00' N lat, 132°52.03' W long, with the following restriction:

**Spurt Cove:** waters of Spurt Cove are closed northwest of a line from 57°01.98' N lat, 132°52.49' W long, to 57°02.08' N lat, 132°52.37' W long.

**This line adjustment is only in affect for the Thursday, July 30, 2020 purse seine opening. After this opening, the open area and times will be as announced in the SE Cove/Thomas Bay THAs advisory announcement issued on April 15, 2020.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Thomas Bay THA: Chinook salmon harvested in the troll fishery may only be retained during those periods the summer troll fishery is open to retention of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon harvested in the purse seine fishery 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E3620.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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