



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The commercial salmon summer troll season will close according to regulation at 11:59 p.m., September 20, 2020. Current escapement projections from wild Southeast Alaska/Yakutat coho salmon indicator stocks are that runs to most systems throughout the region are on the lower end or below the lower bound of escapement goal ranges. In addition, harvest and harvest rates in the drift gillnet fisheries, which are a primary abundance indicator for inside waters, have generally been below average in recent weeks. The current all-gear commercial wild coho salmon harvest is projected to be 54% below the 20-year average. The commercial troll coho salmon harvest has been below average all season and is currently 702,000 fish, which ranks second lowest on record for the previous 32-year period. Regional troll harvest rates have been below the 20-year average for the duration of the summer fishery, with the cumulative catch per unit effort in the power troll fishery 46% below the 20-year average. Given these indications of below average coho salmon abundance, a 10-day season extension of the troll season is not warranted.

Landing Requirements

All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing, and any vessel whose port of landing is outside the State of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported outside of the jurisdiction of the state [5 AAC 39.130(c)]. The fish ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of salmon by species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded. All fish harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

Following the closure of the general summer season on September 20, several Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) will continue to be open to troll gear according to management plans and advisory announcements specific to each area. The Anita Bay THA will remain open to retention of all salmon species through November 10. The Hidden Falls and Nakat Inlet THAs will remain open for retention of all salmon species, except Chinook, through October 10 and November 10, respectively, unless closed earlier by emergency order.

Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2020. The *2020–2021 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available in all ADF&G offices and on the troll fishery website by the second week of October.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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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