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2023 KENDRICK BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) commercial fishing open waters and fishing schedule for the 2023 season.

SSRAA is forecasting a total run of 732,000 summer chum salmon to the Kendrick Bay THA.

The Kendrick Bay THA **will open** by regulation to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine and troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 30, 2023, and not close for cost recovery fishing. The Kendrick Bay THA (102-15) consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W long, and the waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W long.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions in the Kendrick 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 when the purse seine fishery is on Chinook nonretention. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold when the purse seine fishery is on Chinook nonretention.

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