



Advisory Announcement
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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) common property fisheries open waters and fishing schedules for the 2023 season.

The Deep Inlet THA is scheduled to open beginning June 1, 2023. NSRAA is projecting a total run of 13,000 Chinook 38,000 coho, and 947,000 chum salmon to the Medvejie Hatchery and Deep Inlet THA in 2023. This season, 122,500 chum salmon are needed for broodstock, and NSRAA does not anticipate needing to conduct cost recovery operations in the Deep Inlet THA. A portion of the Deep Inlet THA may be closed in late August to facilitate broodstock collection at Medvejie Hatchery.

Unless modified by subsequent advisory announcement, salmon may be taken in the Deep Inlet THA from Thursday, June 1 through Wednesday, September 20, 2023, as follows:

Purse Seine

From June 1 through August 12, the purse seine fishery will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.

From August 13 through September 20, the purse seine fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.

Drift Gillnet

From June 1 through August 12, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.

From August 13 through September 20, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.

Troll

From June 1 through September 20, the troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Saturday of each week and during those periods the net fisheries are closed.

Additionally, From June 1 through June 17 only, the troll fishery will be open continuously within the boundaries of the Deep Inlet THA west of 135°20.75' W long.

Trollers are reminded that all fish retained within the boundaries of the Deep Inlet THA listed below must be reported as being harvested in statistical area 113-38.

The Deep Inlet THA is described as follows:

Deep Inlet THA: Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirate Cove at 56°59.35' N lat, 135°22.63' W long to the westernmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.98' N lat, 135°21.93' W long to the easternmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.95' N lat, 135°20.37' W long to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island at 57°00.08' N lat, 135°20.01' W long to the westernmost tip of Error Island at 57°00.54' N lat, 135°19.50' W long to the westernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.32' N lat, 135°18.68' W long to the southernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.28' N lat, 135°18.52' W long to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.14' N lat, 135°18.27' W long to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.06' N lat, 135°17.95' W long to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.29' N lat, 135°17.66' W long to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.07' N lat, 135°16.80' W long to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N lat, 135°16.53' W long with the following restrictions:

Sandy Cove: all waters south of 56°59.05' N lat will be closed.

Deep Inlet THA west of 135°20.75' W long: will be closed to purse seine and drift gillnet gear from June 1 through June 17.

Drift gillnet fishermen fishing in the Deep Inlet THA will be required to fish with a **minimum mesh size of 6 inches through June 17** to reduce the harvest of wild sockeye salmon returning to Silver Bay.

By emergency order issued under 5 AAC 39.265, harvesters participating in purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries in the Deep Inlet THA are required to retain all salmon harvested.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

Fishermen are advised that if they have fish on board from other fishing areas, they should keep them separate for reporting and sampling purposes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Deep Inlet THA: Purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen must retain all Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA. Chinook salmon of any size harvested by both purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen may be sold. Troll fishermen may only retain and sell Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches.

To reduce conflicts with private land owners, NSRAA is requesting that all fishing vessels and tenders not anchor, use high-intensity lights, or tender fish near Berry Island within the Deep Inlet THA; additionally, NSRAA requests that vessels use no-wake speeds when entering Deep Inlet via Silver Point. Additional information and a chart of preferred anchorage areas is available from the NSRAA office or online at <https://www.nsraa.org/>.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E0823.

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

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