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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT CHINOOK SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces the following information concerning the latest ruling by the U.S. District Court in Washington regarding the Southeast Alaska Chinook salmon troll fishery.

Today, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Jones denied the State's request for a stay of his May 2 order that vacates the incidental take statement (ITS) for the Southeast Alaska winter and summer commercial Chinook troll fisheries. The ITS gives these fisheries coverage for the incidental "take" of species listed under the Endangered Species Act which include 4 stocks of Chinook salmon, Southern Resident killer whales, and other marine mammals. This order has the practical effect of closing the directed summer and winter Chinook troll fisheries until a new ITS is in place.

A link to the statewide press release and further information on this ruling is provided below: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/publicnotification/2023/releases/NR-23-1049.pdf

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