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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the following information concerning the 2023 commercial spring troll fishery.

#### SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

Ketchikan	area
Mountain	Poin

Mountain Point (101-45)	June 12–15
Rock Point (101-46)	June 12–15

## Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 11–14
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	June 14–16
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	June 16–17

#### Sitka area

June 12–13
June 14-16
June 14–15
June 12–14
June 10–14
June 14–16

## Icy Strait/Northern Chatham/Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas

Keku Strait (109-42)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Cross Sound (114-21)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
South Passage (114-23)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Homeshore (114-25)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Point Couverden (114-26)	June 15–16	pink and chum salmon retention only
Northern Chatham Strait (112-16)	June 15–16	pink and chum salmon retention only

#### Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10) June 12

Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday; open fishing periods may be extended by emergency order based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data. Spring troll fishery openings begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. Additional details on the fishery are available in ADF&G area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon trollspring.

It is extremely important to segregate fish harvested in different fishery areas so that department personnel can collect accurate dockside sampling information. If salmon are harvested in multiple areas during a spring troll fishing trip, the vessel operator is required to keep fish harvested in each spring fishery separate from any other fish on board the vessel. Similarly, the fish buyer is required to create a separate fish ticket for each fishery area that documents the dates

fished, number of salmon, fishery name, and salmon statistical area number for each area fished (5 AAC 29.090[k]). Fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G within 7 days of landing.

## SILVER BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA

As previously published in the June 7 Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) advisory announcement, the waters of Bear Cove, within the Silver Bay THA, will close to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear at 11:59 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2023. See the June 7 announcement for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF TERMINAL HARVEST AREA OPENINGS

THA troll openings will occur as follows, unless closed by emergency order. Opening and closing times vary by area, refer to the appropriate THA advisory announcements for fishery details. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in these THAs during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100.

Nakat Inlet THA (101-10)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1–30
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 15-until closed by emergency order
Kendrick Bay THA (102-15)	June 15-until closed by emergency order
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	June 1–June 30
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	TBD pending cost recovery results
Thomas Bay THA (110-12)	June 18-until closed by emergency order
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1-until closed by emergency order
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 1-until closed by emergency order

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0423, 1S1223, 1E0123, 1E0323, 1E0423, 1E0523, 1E0623, 1E0823, 1E0923, 1E1023, 1E1223, and 1E1423.

2023 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort					
	Week of 6/4	4 (SW 23)	Cumulative		
Spring Troll Area	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest	
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	6	37	8	44	
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	17	162	57	309	
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	6	29	40	275	
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	C	LOSED	46	193	
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	10	112	10	112	
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	0	0	61	472	
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	*	*	8	57	
Western Channel (113-01)	7	83	13	106	
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	10	80	67	810	
Goddard (113-31)	4	55	7	89	
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	*	*	3	28	
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	4	96	8	144	
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	*	*	*	*	
Sitka Sound (113-41)	35	286	198	1,764	
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	3	31	29	377	
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	7	42	57	319	
Totals for Region	113	1,049	614	5,103	

<sup>\*</sup>Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

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