



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The commercial troll fishery **will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2023.** The current target harvest for the first Chinook salmon retention period of 77,100 Chinook salmon is expected to be reached by this time.

All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to operating troll gear for other salmon species. All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing. A freezer catcher–processor (FAS) that retains coho salmon onboard after the Chinook salmon fishery closure must submit a fish ticket to the department not later than seven days after offloading those Chinook salmon. The ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Trollers are reminded that the **waters of frequent high king salmon abundance**, described in 5 AAC 29.025 and the attached map (Figure 1), **will be closed** for the remainder of the season beginning at **11:59 p.m., July 12.** Fishery participants are advised that coordinates for the high abundance areas have been added or modified by emergency order for 2023 to provide more accurate descriptions of these areas.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

Following the closure of the first retention period, Chinook salmon 28 inches and greater may be retained in select areas as outlined in Terminal Harvest Area (THA) advisory announcements issued for the following areas, unless closed by emergency order:

The Herring Bay THA (101-40) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through August 30 (5 AAC 33.369). The Anita Bay THA (107-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through July 15 and after the conclusion of cost recovery through November 10 (5 AAC 33.383). The Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through July 31. The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will be open to troll gear through September 20 for retention of all salmon species and will follow the gear rotational schedule announced in the Deep Inlet advisory announcement (5 AAC 33.376).

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) is open to troll gear west of the closed waters at the head of the bay and east of the longitude of Chin Point through 12:00 noon, July 15, with Chinook salmon retention permitted only in those open waters east of the Bug Island line. The waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Chin Point line and west of the Bug Island line will be open to troll gear from 12:00 noon, July 15, until closed by emergency order; however, Chinook salmon retention and possession is prohibited. Additional details are provided the advisory announcement issued April 20.

The Silver Bay THA (113-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through July 30; retention of Chinook salmon 26 inches and greater is permitted through July 30, unless closed by emergency order. Permit holders must offload all Chinook salmon that are less than 28 inches prior to fishing in areas where retention of Chinook salmon less than 28 inches is prohibited. The waters of Bear Cove remain closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear, as described in the advisory announcement issued June 7.

The Port Armstrong (109-11), Crawfish Inlet (113-33), Thomas Bay (110-12), Mist Cove (109-13), and Hidden Falls (112-22) THAs will close to retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 12.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3223.

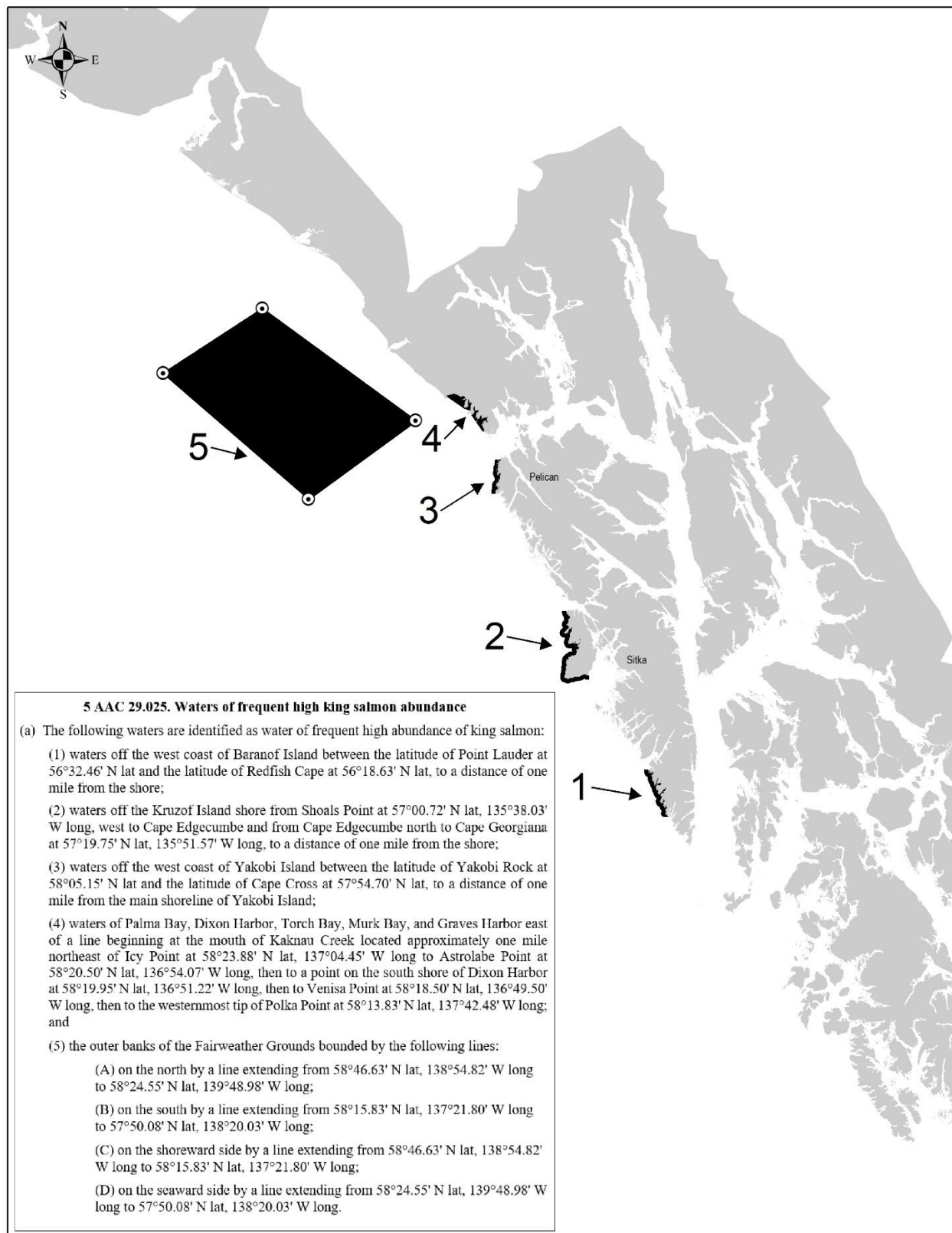


Figure 1.– Waters of frequent high king salmon abundance.

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