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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat (SEAK) commercial troll fishery closure will be advanced by 24 hours and will now **close** to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 2023, except within select hatchery chum salmon and terminal harvest areas noted in the August 4 troll advisory announcement. The fishery will be closed for two days, from August 9–10, 2023, and will reopen to the taking of all salmon at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 11, 2023.

The fishery opening is being modified due to high winds forecasted for most of the region later this week. The troll fishery will now **open for the retention of Chinook salmon for 1 day, from 12:01 a.m., through 11:59 p.m., August 11, 2023**. Following the closure, trollers must offload Chinook salmon prior to resuming trolling for other species.

Hatchery Chum Salmon Fishery

At the request of the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, the waters of **the Sitka Sound Terminal Harvest chum salmon troll fishery (113-41) will be closed to troll gear during the 2-day troll fishery closure** from 12:01 a.m., August 9, through 11:59 p.m., August 10, 2023. This closure is being implemented in order to meet chum salmon broodstock goals at the Medvejie Creek Hatchery. These waters will reopen to troll gear with the start of the second Chinook salmon retention period, 12:01 a.m., August 11, 2023. For all other troll hatchery chum salmon opportunities during the closure, refer to the August 4 troll advisory announcement.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement 1S5623.

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

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