



## Advisory Announcement

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### HIDDEN FALLS TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY

The **Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** commercial salmon troll fishery will open for the harvest of salmon from 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 6, 2025, unless closed by emergency order. Beginning July 7, all waters of the THA will close to common property fisheries to facilitate cost recovery operations. Dependent upon run timing, strength, and cost recovery progress, select areas of the THA may reopen to common property fisheries during cost recovery efforts. The department will announce any additional fishing opportunities during cost recovery operations in a future advisory announcement.

The Hidden Falls THA (**statistical area 112-22**) is **modified and new coordinates are added by emergency order** to include those waters of District 12 south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°49.94' W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°45.37' W long. Beginning June 22, the THA will expand to include waters of District 12 south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°48.00' W long, to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°43.00' W long, excluding the waters of Kelp Bay.

The waters of the Hidden Falls THA that are north and west of a line from ADF&G regulatory markers located at 57°13.17' N lat, 134°51.86' W long to 57°13.08' N lat, 134°52.02' W long and north of a line from 57°13.05' N lat, 134°52.24' W long to 57°13.06' N lat, 134°52.20' W long **are closed to commercial salmon fishing** (5 AAC 33.374[g]).

#### Chinook and chum salmon

Chinook and chum salmon retention is permitted in the Hidden Falls THA during the spring troll fishery from June 1 through June 30. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., July 1, Chinook salmon may be retained and possessed in the Hidden Falls THA only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c). Additionally, effective July 1, the number of chum salmon permitted on board a troll vessel operating troll gear within the Hidden Falls THA or recorded on a fish ticket from the Hidden Falls THA, may not exceed the number of Chinook salmon on board the troll vessel or recorded on a fish ticket for that area (5 AAC 33.374[d]). Accordingly, chum salmon may only be retained in the summer troll fishery during an open Chinook salmon troll fishing period.

#### Coho salmon

Coho salmon retention is permitted during open fishing periods in the THA from June 1 through September 20, unless closed by emergency order. During a season when the general summer troll season is extended in District 12, the Hidden Falls THA season will also be extended (5 AAC 33.374[e]).

Dependent upon progress of cost recovery operations, coho salmon fishing may remain open to trollers in the Hidden Falls THA during the August troll fishery closure; however, the open fishing area is reduced and restricted to an area within approximately 1 nautical mile from the Baranof Island shoreline south of 57°15.00' N lat, north of 57°10.00' N lat, and west of a line from 57°15.00' N lat, 134°48.60' W long to 57°10.00' N lat, 134°46.40' W long (5 AAC 33.374[e]). A map of modifications to the THA and open fishing area will be provided in a future advisory announcement detailing the summer coho troll fishery closure.

#### Other salmon

Pink and sockeye salmon retention is permitted during open THA fishing periods from June 1 through September 20, unless closed by emergency order.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E1225.

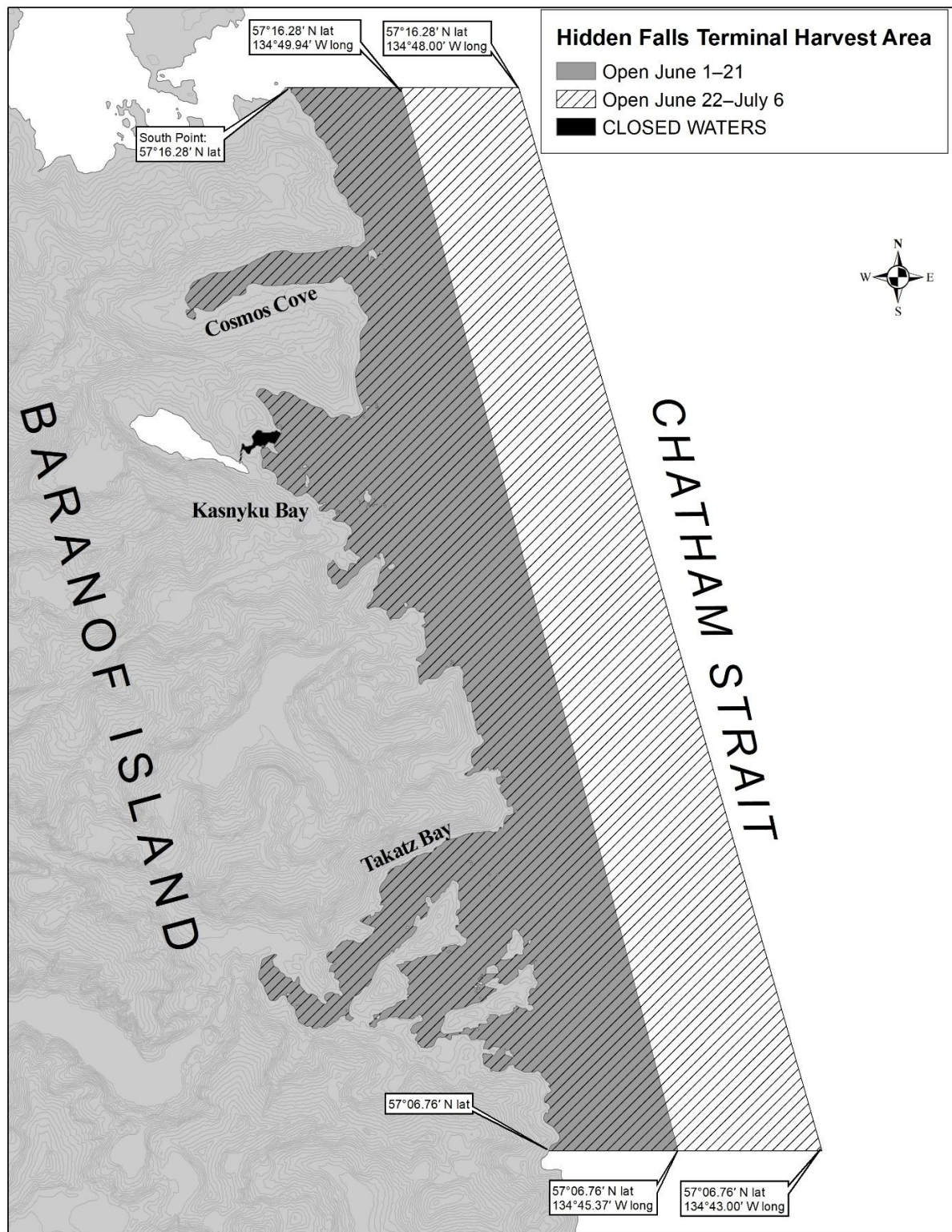


Figure 1.–Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area.

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