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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 2025 commercial spring troll fishery.

# SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

#### Ketchikan Area

Mountain Point (101-45)	June 8–11
Rock Point (101-46)	June 8–11

### Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 8–10
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	June 13–14
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	June 11–12

#### Sitka area

Western Channel (113-01)	June 10
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 11
Goddard (113-31)	June 12
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	June 13–14
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 7–11
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 12-13

#### Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10) June 11–12

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. The Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15 and the Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 16. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited in the hatchery chum salmon fisheries.

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 not later than 7 days after the landing.

Retention of lingcod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery opened May 16. For information on groundfish bycatch allowances in the spring troll fishery, permit holders should refer to the "Groundfish Bycatch in the 2025 Salmon Troll Fishery" advisory announcement issued on January 2, 2025, or contact Groundfish Staff in Sitka at 907-747-6688.

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 and cost recovery closure dates. Chinook salmon

retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Neets Bay, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in Nakat Inlet and Thomas Bay THAs during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100.

Nakat Inlet THA (101-10)	June 1–November 10
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1–30
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 27–July 31
Kendrick Bay THA (102-15)	CLOSED until further notice
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1–July 31
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1-November 10
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	June 1–June 30
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	June 1–July 5
Thomas Bay THA (110-12)	June 15–August 9
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1–July 6
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1-September 20
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1–July 30
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 1–28; August 3–9

The waters of Bear Cove, within the Silver Bay THA, are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear. The closed waters of the Bear Cove are defined as follows:

Waters east of a line from a point on the south shore at  $57^{\circ}00.77'$  N lat,  $135^{\circ}09.08'$  W long, to the north shore at  $57^{\circ}00.94'$  N lat,  $135^{\circ}09.23'$  W long.

The waters of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area, within the Port Saint Nicholas THA, **are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear** east of 133°02.92′ W long. Additional details are available in the Port Saint Nicholas THA troll fishery advisory announcement issued April 17.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0225, 1S1025.

2025 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort					
	Week of 6/1	(SW 23)	Cumulative		
Spring Troll Area	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest	
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	*	*	*	*	
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	11	67	31	178	
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	0	0	18	106	
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	closed	closed	23	170	
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	10	68	10	68	
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	4	34	23	160	
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	8	83	8	83	
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	*	*	*	*	
Western Channel (113-01)	7	42	8	43	
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	10	146	52	553	
Goddard (113-31)	*	*	11	72	
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	0	0	3	14	
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	3	25	3	25	
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	*	*	*	*	
Sitka Sound (113-41)	27	250	152	1,146	
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	3	16	34	251	
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	13	99	49	322	
Totals for Region	96	830	425	3,191	

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

# Advisory Announcement web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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