



## Advisory Announcement

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The first Chinook salmon retention period of the general summer commercial troll season will begin at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 1, to **target approximately 36,500 treaty Chinook salmon**. The retention period will be managed inseason with no predetermined length and will be closed by emergency order.

Under provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty and regulations established by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF), the commercial troll Chinook salmon allocation for the 2024–2025 accounting year (October 11, 2024, through September 30, 2025) is 92,730 treaty Chinook salmon. The summer troll treaty harvest target is calculated by subtracting the sum of the winter treaty harvest, the projected spring treaty harvest, the proportionally adjusted pretreaty Alaska hatchery harvest, and a risk adjustment from the annual troll allocation. The winter troll fishery harvested 28,000 treaty Chinook salmon, while the spring troll fishery harvest estimate is projected to be 9,100 treaty Chinook salmon.

The department estimates that **52,200 treaty Chinook salmon remain to be harvested in the summer troll fishery**, and the initial summer troll retention period will be managed to harvest 70% of that remaining allocation (5 AAC 29.100). Therefore, the target harvest for the first retention period will be approximately 36,500 treaty Chinook salmon, plus an estimated 3% Alaska hatchery contribution, which is not subject to treaty limits, resulting in a **total harvest target of approximately 37,700 Chinook salmon for the first retention period**. Based on summer harvest rates observed in previous years with similar abundance levels, the observed harvest rates in both commercial troll and sport fisheries this spring, and anticipated troll effort levels similar to recent years, the department estimates the harvest target will be taken in **3 to 4 days**; however, harvest rates can be affected significantly by fluctuations in effort and adverse weather conditions and the length of the fishery will be determined accordingly. The remainder of the troll treaty Chinook salmon allocation will be available for harvest in a second retention period following any closure of the coho salmon troll fishery, or no later than August 20, if a coho closure is not necessary.

### 2025 ALLOCATIONS AND PROJECTED TREATY CHINOOK SALMON HARVESTS

Allocations of the all-gear harvest limit for 2025 under Board of Fisheries regulations are as follows:

| All-gear Treaty Quota | Purse Seine | Drift Gillnet | Set Gillnet | Total Net | Sport  | Troll  |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 130,850               | 5,620       | 3,800         | 1,000       | 10,420    | 27,700 | 92,730 |

Estimated troll fishery harvests of treaty Chinook salmon from the winter and spring troll fisheries are:

| Pre-summer Totals | Total Chinook | Alaska Hatchery | Treaty Chinook* |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                   | 45,500        | 8,400           | 40,500          |

*\*Includes treaty harvest plus a pre-treaty base hatchery harvest and risk adjustment.*

Projected summer troll fishery harvest target for 1<sup>st</sup> Chinook salmon retention period:

| Treaty Chinook | Alaska Hatchery | Total Chinook |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 36,500         | 1,100           | 37,700        |

**Trollers are strongly encouraged to contact the troll fishery managers at the Sitka Area Office during the retention period** to report catch and effort information via phone (747-6688; voicemail available after hours, dial \* and extension 237) or email ([grant.hagerman@alaska.gov](mailto:grant.hagerman@alaska.gov) or [mike.vaughn@alaska.gov](mailto:mike.vaughn@alaska.gov)). The fishery closure will be announced by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) advisory announcement and troll fishery telephone hotline. Closure announcements will be submitted for broadcast on the United States Coast Guard and National Weather Service marine

information broadcasts. The Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at ADF&G area offices and the troll website at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_trollsummer](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollsummer).

## CATCHER-PROCESSOR VESSELS

Catcher-processors intending to freeze their catch onboard (FAS) during the summer troll fishery must obtain a 2025 Summer Troll Fishery Exemption Permit from the department to legally remove the heads from adipose-fin-clipped salmon (5 AAC 29.140[b] and 5 AAC 29.145[c]). The permit, available at area offices and on the troll fishery website, is not valid until signed by a department representative.

Catcher-processors are required to complete and submit a **separate fish ticket for each week** (Sunday through Saturday) and are **encouraged to contact the troll managers periodically with catch information**.

## LANDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All spring troll fisheries will be closed by 11:59 p.m., June 30. **All salmon harvested during the spring troll fishery must be offloaded from the vessel prior to participating in the summer troll fishery.** Fish tickets for the summer troll fishery must include a record of the 5-digit statistical area and a description of the nearest headland or bay in which the fish were taken (5 AAC 39.130[c][8]). If multiple areas were fished, the percentage of harvest by area should be included in the statistical area worksheet. **Processors are required to submit troll tickets to the Sitka ADF&G office not later than seven days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel.**

## TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

Retention of all salmon, including Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater, is permitted as outlined in Terminal Harvest Area (THA) advisory announcements for the following areas, unless closed by emergency order:

The **Herring Bay THA** (101-40) will be open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species from July 1 through August 30 (5 AAC 33.369). The **Silver Bay THA** (113-35) is open to troll gear to harvest all salmon species from June 1 through July 30. The **Anita Bay THA** (107-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon in portions of the THA from June 1 through November 10 (5 AAC 33.383). The **Port Saint Nicholas THA** (103-63) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon from June 1 through July 31; waters of the special harvest area are closed. The **Deep Inlet THA** (113-38) is open to troll gear from June 1 through June 28 and from August 3 through August 9 for retention of all salmon species and will follow the gear rotational schedule published in the Deep Inlet advisory announcement (5 AAC 33.376). Refer to THA advisory announcements issued in 2025 for additional information on THA gear rotations, closed waters, and area descriptions.

Following THA openings during spring, the **Crawfish Inlet** (113-33), **Southeast Cove** (109-41), **Thomas Bay** (110-12), **Mist Cove** (109-13), **Port Armstrong** (109-11) and **Hidden Falls** (112-22) THAs are open to the retention and possession of Chinook salmon only during summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods, as established under 5 AAC 29.100(c), and only in each THA during periods when the operation of troll gear is permitted. During the first Chinook salmon retention period of the summer fishery, all waters of the **Thomas Bay THA** are open to troll gear by emergency order, during those periods when the purse seine fishery is closed. Following the closure of the first Chinook retention period, the waters of Spurt Cove and Thomas Bay Bluffs will be closed to troll gear as described in the Thomas Bay advisory announcement.

The **Neets Bay THA** (101-95) is expanded and will be open to troll gear west of the closed waters at the head of the bay and east of the longitude of Chin Point from July 1 through July 31. **Chinook salmon retention and possession is prohibited on vessels operating commercial troll gear within the Neets Bay THA**, however, a vessel may transit through those waters to offload Chinook salmon to tenders located within the bay, if troll gear is not deployed from that vessel.

## DISTRICTS 1 AND 8 CHINOOK SALMON CLOSURES

In addition to regional troll closures defined under 5 AAC 29.100 and 5 AAC 29.150, Chinook salmon closures in the Neets Bay THA, and summer seasonal regulatory troll restrictions near Ketchikan (5 AAC 29.100[d]) and Petersburg/Wrangell (5 AAC 29.150[i]), supplemental Chinook salmon restrictions for District 1 and District 8 are added (bolded font) by emergency order as follows under 5 AAC 29.100:

- (d)(2)(C) **In the waters of Section 1-E, north of a line from Indian Point at 55°36.85' N lat, 131°42.00' W long to Mike Point at 55°37.38' N lat, 131°52.90' W long, Chinook salmon may not be retained or in possession during the first general summer troll Chinook salmon retention period.**
- (d)(3)(C) **In the waters of Section 1-F, south of a line from Lucky Point 55°12.62' N lat, 131°15.92' W long to Middy Point at 55°10.15' N lat, 131°19.60' W long, and waters north of the latitude of Beaver Point at 55°05.22' N lat, and north of a line from Point Rosen at 55°04.70' N lat, 131°10.82' W long to Quadra Point at 55°05.17' N lat, 130°59.05' W long, and in southeast Behm Canal south of a line from a point at 55°11.89' N lat, 131°05.04' W long, located on Point Sykes to a point at 55°12.22' N lat, 131°05.70' W long, located approximately 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) northwest of Point Sykes, to Point Alava at 55°11.63' N lat, 131°10.70' W long, Chinook salmon may not be retained or in possession during the first general summer troll Chinook salmon retention period.**
- (e)(1) **The waters of District 8 are closed to Chinook salmon retention and possession during the first general summer troll Chinook salmon retention period.**

### **SITUK RIVER CHINOOK SALMON CLOSURE**

In the Yakutat area, waters near the mouth of the Situk River are closed to the harvest of Chinook salmon by troll gear effective July 1 (5 AAC 30.365[c]). The Situk River is managed for a biological escapement goal of 450 to 1,050 large Chinook salmon. The inriver run goal was not achieved in 2010–2012, 2015–2016, 2018, and 2023, and restrictive management measures were deemed necessary. The 2025 Situk River run forecast is 750 large fish, which falls within the escapement goal range. New regulations adopted during the 2025 Southeast Alaska and Yakutat BOF meeting close the commercial troll Chinook salmon fishery in waters near the Situk River until at least 450 three ocean age or older Chinook salmon have passed the Situk River weir, at which time the department may open these waters; regulations do not mandate that these waters are opened until at least 730 large fish have passed.

In accordance with 5 AAC 29.100(i)(2), these same waters near the mouth of the Situk River are closed to the retention of all salmon from August 7 through September 20.

The closed waters specified in 5 AAC 30.365(c) and 5 AAC 29.100(i)(2) apply and are as follows:

"...in the waters of Alaska bounded on the west by the 3-nmi limit of the territorial sea and on the north by a line extending seaward from 59°30.49' N lat, 139°46.58' W long, and intersecting the 3-nmi limit at 59°28.44' N lat, 139°51.68' W long, and on the south by a line extending seaward from 59°21.07' N lat, 139°19.73' W long, and intersecting the 3-nmi limit at 59°19.08' N lat, 139°24.98' W long."

### **NORTHERN LYNN CANAL/CHILKAT INLET CLOSURE**

In addition to troll restrictions in effect that close Section 15-B (Berners Bay) under 5 AAC 29.100(g), the waters of Section 15-A (North Lynn Canal and Chilkat Inlet) are also closed by emergency order to commercial troll gear for the summer season from July 1 through September 30 to protect mature Chinook salmon returning to the Chilkat River as follows:

5 AAC 29.100(g) In District 15, salmon may be taken only **in Section 15-C.**

### **SEYMOUR CANAL CLOSURE**

As specified in the 2025 Taku and King Salmon Rivers Chinook Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, adopted by the BOF in February 2025, the waters of 11-D are closed by emergency order to commercial troll gear from July 1 through July 31, to protect mature Chinook salmon returning to the King Salmon River as follows:

5 AAC 29.100(f) In District 11, salmon may be taken only in Section 11-C **from July 1 through September 20 and in Section 11-D from August 1 through September 20.**

### **FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Vessels trolling for salmon in federal waters of the EEZ in the Gulf of Alaska that retain federal groundfish bycatch must have a Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) endorsed for troll gear. FFPs are not required to retain lingcod or black, blue, or dark rockfish as these species are not managed under the Federal Management Plan. For information on FFP requirements and bycatch allowances in federal waters contact NOAA Fisheries at (907) 586-7225 (Juneau), (907) 747-6940 (Sitka), (907) 772-2285 (Petersburg), or (907) 247-5804 (Ketchikan).

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are 1S1825, 1E1425, and 1E1525.

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

| <i>Office</i>        | <i>Ketchikan</i> | <i>Petersburg</i> | <i>Sitka</i> | <i>Juneau</i> | <i>Haines</i> | <i>Hoonah</i> | <i>Yakutat</i> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>ADF&amp;G</i>     | 225-5195         | 772-3801          | 747-6688     | 465-4250      | 766-2830      |               | 784-3255       |
| <i>AWT</i>           | 225-5111         | 772-3983          | 747-3254     | 465-4000      |               | 945-3620      |                |
| <i>Troll Hotline</i> | 225-6870         |                   | 747-8765     | 465-8765      |               |               |                |