



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial troll fishery will open for a fourth Chinook salmon retention period of the general summer season beginning at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2025, to harvest approximately 5,400 treaty Chinook salmon that remain unharvested on the annual all-gear commercial fisheries allocation under the provision of 5 AAC 29.060(a)(6). With the remaining allocation insufficient to allow for a competitive fishery, the department will alternatively open a Limited Harvest Fishery (LHF) to harvest the remaining annual commercial fisheries allocation under provisions of 5 AAC 29.100(c)(2)(D). **Trollers will not be required to register with the department to harvest Chinook salmon in this LHF.**

The LHF retention period will open for 10 days, and close at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2025. Based on the number of Chinook salmon remaining on the annual commercial fisheries allocation and the number of troll permits participating during late August and September, **a total of 15 Chinook salmon will be allocated to each commercial troll permit holder during the 10-day fishery.**

Provisions of a limited harvest fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c)(2)(D) are as follows:

- (i) a limited harvest fishery will open from 12:01 a.m., September 11, through 11:59 p.m., September 20, 2025;
- (ii) the maximum allowable harvest during the limited harvest fishery is 15 Chinook salmon per permit;
- (iii) Chinook salmon retained during a limited harvest fishery must be kept separate from other salmon on board the vessel;
- (iv) both commercially sold Chinook salmon and Chinook salmon retained for personal use during a limited harvest fishery count toward the harvest limit;
- (v) a copy of fish tickets documenting commercially sold Chinook salmon or Chinook salmon retained for personal use during a limited harvest fishery must be kept on board the vessel while operating gear in a limited harvest fishery and during transits to or from a port of landing;
- (vi) fish tickets must be made available to a local representative of the department upon request;
- (vii) after the closure of a limited harvest fishing period, all Chinook salmon must be offloaded from a vessel before that vessel may be used to resume fishing for other salmon species;
- (viii) the department **will not** require a holder of a CFEC hand troll or power troll permit to register with the department before harvesting king salmon in a limited harvest fishery;
- (ix) a physical or electronic copy of a completed limited harvest fishery registration form **will not** be required to retain king salmon in the limited harvest fishery;
- (x) following a limited harvest fishery, if the department determines that the number of Chinook salmon remaining on the annual Chinook salmon harvest allocation is sufficient to provide for an additional limited harvest fishery, the commissioner may, by emergency order, reopen the troll fishery to the taking Chinook salmon during a limited harvest fishery, subject to (i) – (ix).
- (xi) multiple troll permit holders may retain Chinook salmon during a limited harvest fishery on board the same vessel under the following conditions:
 - a) All permits fished from the vessel during a trip must be registered under the same troll gear type; a hand troll permit holder may not harvest LHF Chinook salmon on board a registered power troll vessel and a power troll

permit holder may not harvest LHF Chinook salmon on board a registered hand troll vessel, based on the provisions of 5 AAC 29.115(b).

- b) Chinook salmon retained by multiple LHF permit holders on board the same vessel must be kept separated or marked in a manner to distinguish each permit holder's catch.
- c) An individual with multiple CFEC limited entry troll permits qualifies only for a single LHF Chinook allocation.

The waters of frequent high Chinook salmon abundance (5 AAC 29.025), as modified by emergency order and described in the July 3, 2025, summer troll fishery advisory announcement, remain closed as well as those waters identified in 5 AAC 29.150. Additional closed waters implemented under emergency order authority for 5 AAC 29.100 remain in effect in Section 15-A, as described in the summer troll fishery advisory announcement issued June 24, 2025.

LANDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All Chinook salmon harvested during the limited harvest summer troll fishery must be offloaded from a vessel following the closure of the retention period and prior to resuming fishing for salmon from that vessel. Troll fish tickets shall be submitted to an ADF&G office not later than 7 days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

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 Anita Bay THA (107-35) will be open to common property commercial troll fisheries through November 10 for retention of all salmon species, including Chinook salmon, and will follow the gear rotational schedule announced in the Anita Bay advisory announcement issued April 16 (5 AAC 33.383). Provisions of the LHF do not apply to Chinook salmon retained in the Anita Bay THA during the LHF period.

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will be open to common property commercial troll fisheries through September 20 for retention of all salmon species, including Chinook salmon, and will follow the gear rotational schedule announced in the Deep Inlet advisory announcement issued August 25. Provisions of the LHF do not apply to Chinook salmon retained in the Deep Inlet THA during the LHF period.

The Nakat Inlet (101-10), Kendrick Bay (102-15), Port Armstrong (109-11), Mist Cove (109-13), Hidden Falls (112-22) and Crawfish Inlet (113-33) THAs are open to Chinook salmon retention under provisions of the LHF and will close to retention of Chinook salmon following the LHF fishing period.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S7125.

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