



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 2026 commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	May 11–12
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	May 15–16
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	May 10–15
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	May 13–14

Sitka area

Sitka Sound (113-41)	May 9–12
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	May 14–15

Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	May 11-12
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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 Redoubt Bay Area will open initially during the week of May 17. The Western Channel, Goddard, and West Crawfish Inlet spring troll areas will open initially during the week of May 24, and the Mountain Point and Rock Point spring troll areas will open on June 8. The Keku Strait, Cross Sound, South Passage, Homeshore, Point Couverden, and Northern Chatham Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15. **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.

Permit holders are reminded that the lingcod season is closed through May 15 and **retention of lingcod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery is prohibited until May 16.** For information on groundfish bycatch allowances in the spring troll fishery, permit holders should refer to the “Groundfish Bycatch in the 2026 Salmon Troll Fishery” advisory announcement issued on January 2, 2026, 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, Burnett Inlet, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in Nakat Inlet, Burnett 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
Burnett Inlet (106-25)	June 27– November 10
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	June 1–July 31
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1–November 10
Little Port Walter	June 1–June 30
Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40)	June 1–June 30
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	June 1–June 30
Thomas Bay THA (110-12)	June 21–August 8
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	July 1–September 20
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1–September 20
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1–July 30
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 1–27

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0226, 1S0426.

2026 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Week of 5/3 (SW 19)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Sitka Sound (113-41)	14	120	18	140
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	0	0	5	45
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	6	49	12	67
Totals for Region	20	169	35	252

*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported

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