



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)	June 1–2
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	June 5–7
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	May 30– 31
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	June 3–4

Sitka area

Western Channel (113-01)	June 2
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 3–4
Goddard (113-31)	June 4
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	June 5–7
Sitka Sound (113-41)	May 30–June 3
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 4–5

Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	June 1–2
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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 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.

Fishers are reminded that a completed fish ticket must be submitted to ADF&G before fish are transported out of Alaska. Alaska vessels entering Canadian waters or ports must abide by the requirements in the annual Fishery Notice from Fisheries Oceans Canada (DFO) to obtain licenses or make hail notifications. The Fishery Notice is updated and renewed each calendar year in January, and can be searched at <https://notices.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fns-sap/index-eng.cfm> or by searching “DFO Fishery Notice” in any search engine. Once on the DFO Fishery Notice website, enter “foreign fishing vessels” in the keyword search.

PORT SAINT NICHOLAS SPRING TROLL/TERMINAL HARVEST AREA

The Port Saint Nicholas spring troll fishery closes on May 31, and this area will open as the Port Saint Nicholas Terminal Harvest Area (THA) on June 1. Spring and terminal areas are managed as separate fisheries, and trollers are reminded to separate fish taken in spring troll and terminal areas during the same trip. Separate fish tickets are required for any salmon landing containing harvest from both spring troll and terminal fisheries and those fish tickets must identify dates fished and number of fish taken in each fishery. Fishermen are advised that the waters of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area (SHA) east of 133°02.92' W long are closed to common property commercial troll fisheries beginning June 1. Additional details are available in the Port Saint Nicholas THA troll fishery advisory announcement issued April 15.

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 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 THA (109-10)	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, 1S0726.

2026 Spring Chinook Salmon Harvest and Effort				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Week of 5/24 (SW 22)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	7	34	27	202
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	0	0	15	120
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	7	84	33	357
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	3	23	24	210
Western Channel (113-01)	9	57	9	57
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	8	50	20	154
Goddard (113-31)	*	*	*	*
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	0	0	0	0
Sitka Sound (113-41)	23	209	85	749
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	0	0	26	244
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	5	16	34	167
Totals for Region	62	473	273	2,260

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

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