



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

Ketchikan Area

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

Craig area

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| Bucareli Bay (103-50) | June 8–9 |
| Trocadero Bay (103-60) | June 12–14 |
| San Alberto Bay (103-70) | June 9–11 |

Sitka area

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| Western Channel (113-01) | June 9 |
| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | June 10–11 |
| Goddard (113-31) | June 11 |
| West Crawfish Inlet (113-32) | June 12–14 |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | June 6–10 |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | June 11–12 |

Yakutat area

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| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | June 8–9 |
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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 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.

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.

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| 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 |

Crawfish Inlet THA

The waters of the **Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA) east of 135°11.05' W long will open to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear from 12:01 a.m., June 6**, until closed by emergency order in late July. The troll fishery will remain open continuously in the troll exclusive area outside the waters of the SHA through September 20, unless closed by emergency order.

Silver Bay THA

Trollers are reminded that 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°00.77' N lat, 135°09.08' W long, to the north shore at 57°00.94' N lat, 135°09.23' W long.

Port Saint Nicholas THA

The waters of the Port Saint Nicholas SHA, within the Port Saint Nicholas THA, **are open 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 15.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0226, 1S0926, 1E0926.

| 2026 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort | | | | |
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| Spring Troll Area | <i>Week of 5/31 (SW 23)</i> | | <i>Cumulative</i> | |
| | Landings | Harvest | Landings | Harvest |
| Bucareli Bay (103-50) | 4 | 20 | 32 | 223 |
| Trocadero Bay (103-60) | 0 | 0 | 24 | 187 |
| Port Saint Nicholas (103-63) | 4 | 21 | 41 | 404 |
| Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63) | 5 | 22 | 5 | 22 |
| San Alberto Bay (103-70) | 6 | 40 | 37 | 296 |
| Anita Bay THA (107-35) | * | * | * | * |
| Western Channel (113-01) | * | * | 12 | 109 |
| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | 6 | 65 | 28 | 245 |
| Goddard (113-31) | * | * | 5 | 21 |
| West Crawfish Inlet (113-32) | * | * | 4 | 27 |
| Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33) | * | * | * | * |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | 41 | 624 | 136 | 1,468 |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | * | * | 36 | 292 |
| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | 9 | 45 | 43 | 212 |
| Totals for Region | 75 | 837 | 403 | 3,506 |

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

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