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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial salmon troll fishery.

The 2017–2018 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial winter troll fishery will remain open until further notice. With ongoing concerns for Southeast Alaska (SEAK) wild Chinook salmon stocks, the department will continue to closely monitor the stock composition of Chinook salmon troll fisheries, managing to minimize the impact on wild SEAK Chinook. The opportunity to harvest the winter troll GHL is being tentatively provided **through mid-March** at this time. The official closure date for the late winter fishery will be announced in a future news release, pending actions taken at the 2017–2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting January 11-23, 2018, in Sitka, Alaska.

Copies of the 2017–2018 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan may be obtained from department area offices or from the troll website:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

News releases web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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