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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Southeast/Yakutat commercial troll fishery **will be extended through 11:59 p.m., September 30, 2018 to the retention of all species except Chinook salmon, with the following restrictions:**

Districts 1 and 2: waters south of the latitude of Foggy Point at 54°55.54' N. latitude will be closed.

The waters of frequent high king salmon abundance [5AAC 29.025] will remain closed.

The extension is being implemented in areas where the department has projected coho salmon escapement goals will be met, and fish in excess of escapement needs are available. The wild commercial harvest and total all-gear commercial harvest projections for coho salmon are down from the estimates in early August, due largely to near record low troll effort and reduced purse seine opportunities during the 2018 summer season. The area scheduled to close on September 20 is not being extended due to below average projected runs to several Canadian northern boundary coho systems, indicating relatively weak coho returns to those areas.

#### LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing. The operator of a fishing vessel whose port of delivery is outside the state of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported out of the State. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

#### TERMINAL AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (THA AND SHA)

The Port Armstrong SHA (109-11) will remain open to trolling for all species through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters north of a line from 56°17.61' N. latitude, 134°40.27' W. longitude to 56°17.67' N. latitude, 134°39.64' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

The Mist Cove SHA (109-13) will remain open to trolling for all species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30, with the following restriction:

Waters south of a line from 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.20' W. longitude to 56°31.07' N. latitude, 134°40.12' W. longitude are closed to commercial trolling.

The Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will remain open to trolling for all species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., October 10, with the following restriction:

Waters north and west of a line from 57°13.17' N. latitude, 134°51.86' W. longitude to 57°13.08' N. latitude, 134°52.02' W. longitude, and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N. latitude, 134°52.24' W. longitude, to 57°13.06' N. latitude, 134°52.20' W. longitude will remain closed.

The Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33) will remain open to trolling for all species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., September 30.

The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will remain open to trolling each Monday through September 30 for all species, according to the rotational schedule described in a news release issued on April 4.

The Anita Bay THA (107-35) will remain open to trolling for all species through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) will remain closed until fall chum broodstock are collected. If additional troll openings can be scheduled, they will be announced by News Release.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) will remain open to trolling for all species except Chinook salmon through 11:59 p.m., November 10.

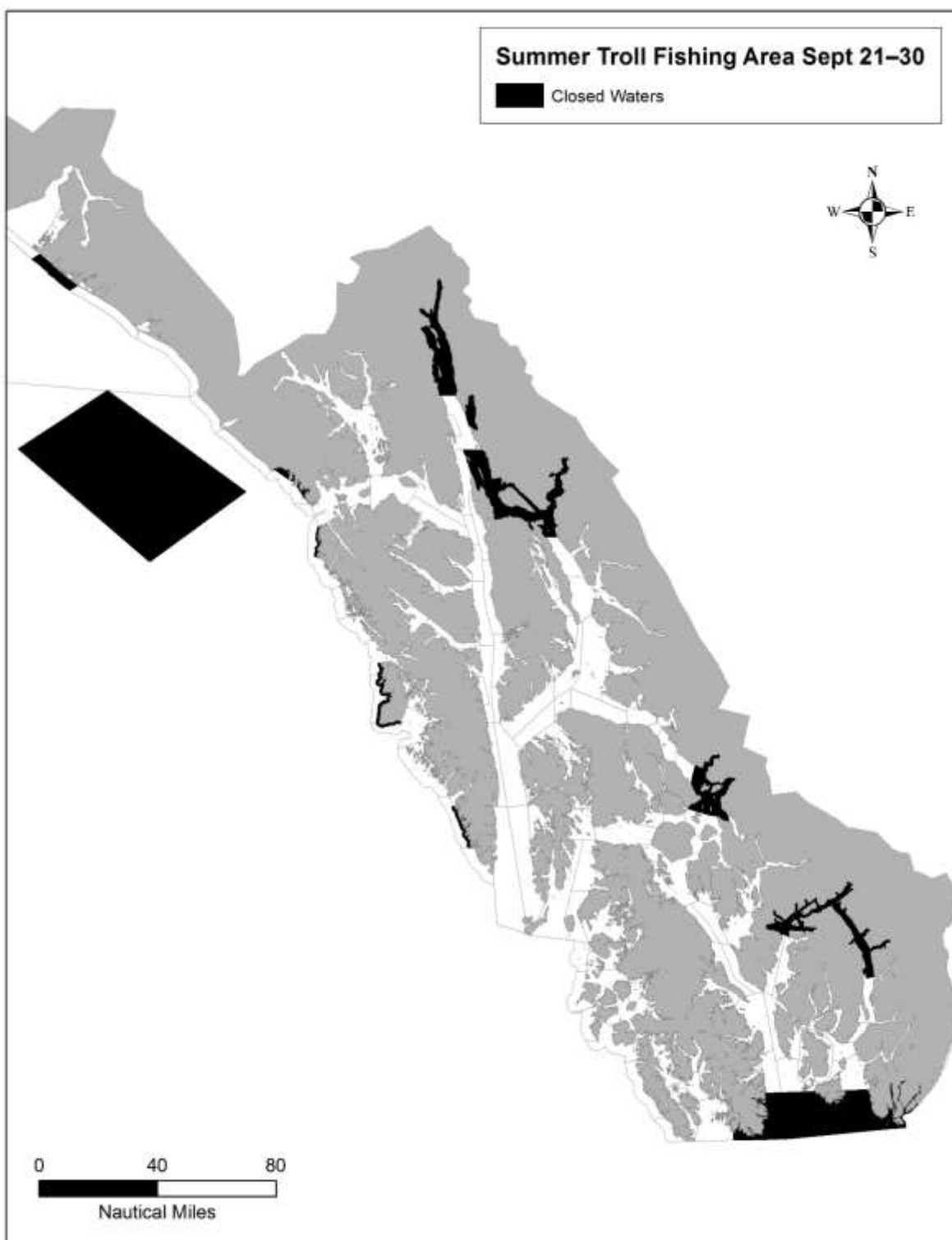
The 2018 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional offices and on the troll website at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_trollsummer](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollsummer)

## **WINTER TROLL FISHERY**

The 2018–2019 winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2018. The *2018–2019 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be available by early October in all area offices and on the troll fishery website.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7118.



Southeast Alaska summer troll open waters, September 21–30, 2018.

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

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