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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:

Coho Salmon

The troll fishery will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., August 8, (except as noted in the terminal harvest area section below). The fishery will be closed for four days, from August 9–12, and will reopen at 12:01 a.m., August 13.

King Salmon

The troll fishery will open for the retention of king salmon from 12:01 a.m., August 13, until closed by emergency order. A total of 106,600 king salmon were harvested by trollers during the first summer opening, leaving an estimated 73,300 king salmon (including a 2% Alaska hatchery component) to harvest during the second opening. The areas of high king salmon abundance will remain closed (5 AAC 29.025).

Reporting and Landing Requirements

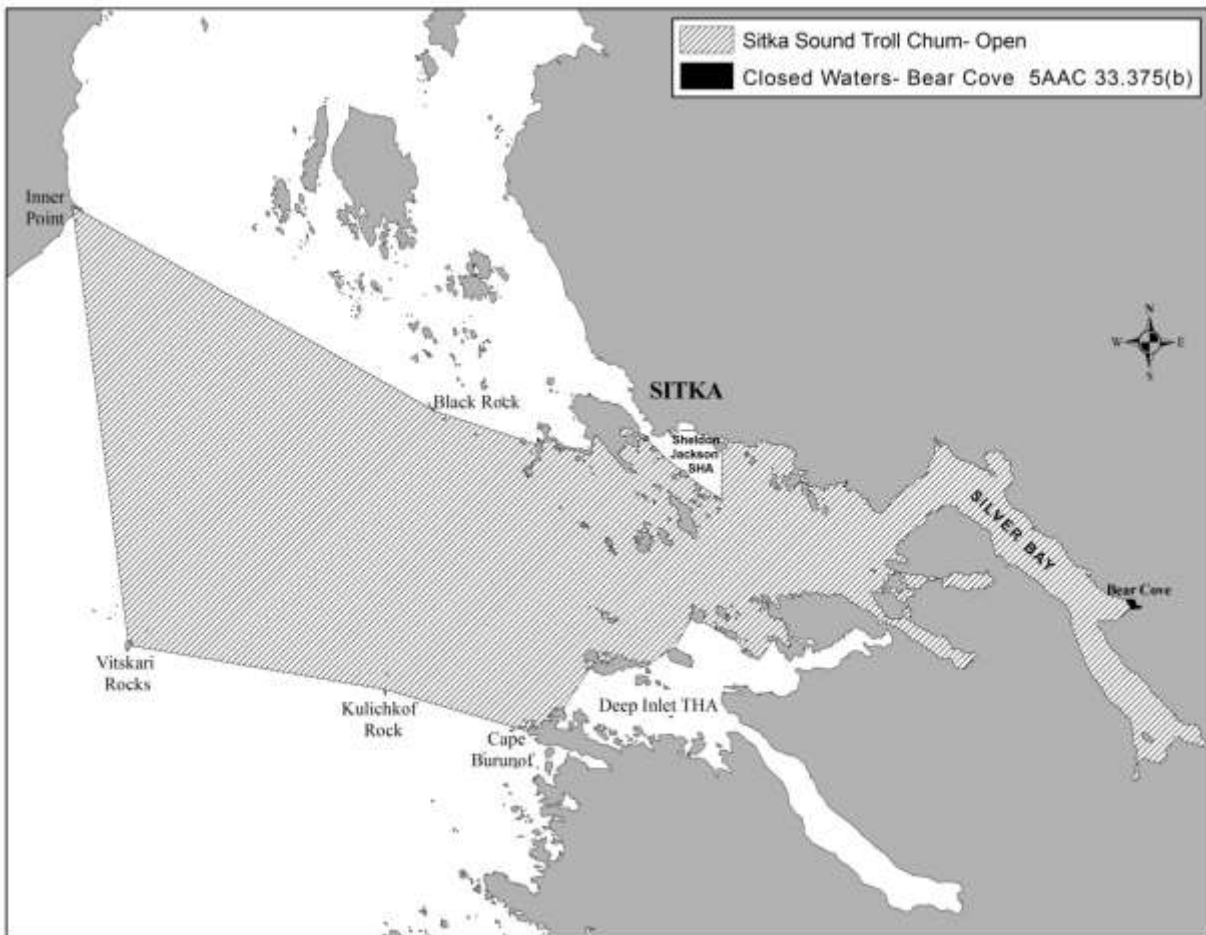
Following the closure of the second king salmon retention period, all king salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling for other species. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within seven days of landing. A catcher-processor (FAS) that retains frozen coho salmon onboard during the coho closure and king salmon opening must submit a fish ticket to the department within seven days after offloading king salmon. That ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Chum Salmon

Trollers may target chum salmon during the troll closure, August 9-12, in the areas described below. Coho and king salmon may not be retained during these fisheries (5 AAC 29.112).

Neets Bay (101-95): waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W. long., and west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.10' W. long. The inner portion of the Neets Bay THA will remain closed to trolling during the closure and until further notice.

Sitka Sound (113-35): waters of Sitka Sound and the Eastern Channel east of a line from Vitskari Rock Light to Inner Point, south of a line from Inner Point to Black Rock at 57°03.12' N. lat., 135°25.63' W. long., to Signal Island Light at 57°02.78' N. lat., 135°23.58' W. long., and north of a line from Cape Burunof at 56°59.03' N. lat., 135°23.23' W. long., to Kulichkof Rock at 56°59.52' N. lat., 135°26.62' W. long. to Vitskari Rock Light. The waters of Bear Cove will remain closed.



Sitka Sound area open to trolling during coho closure.

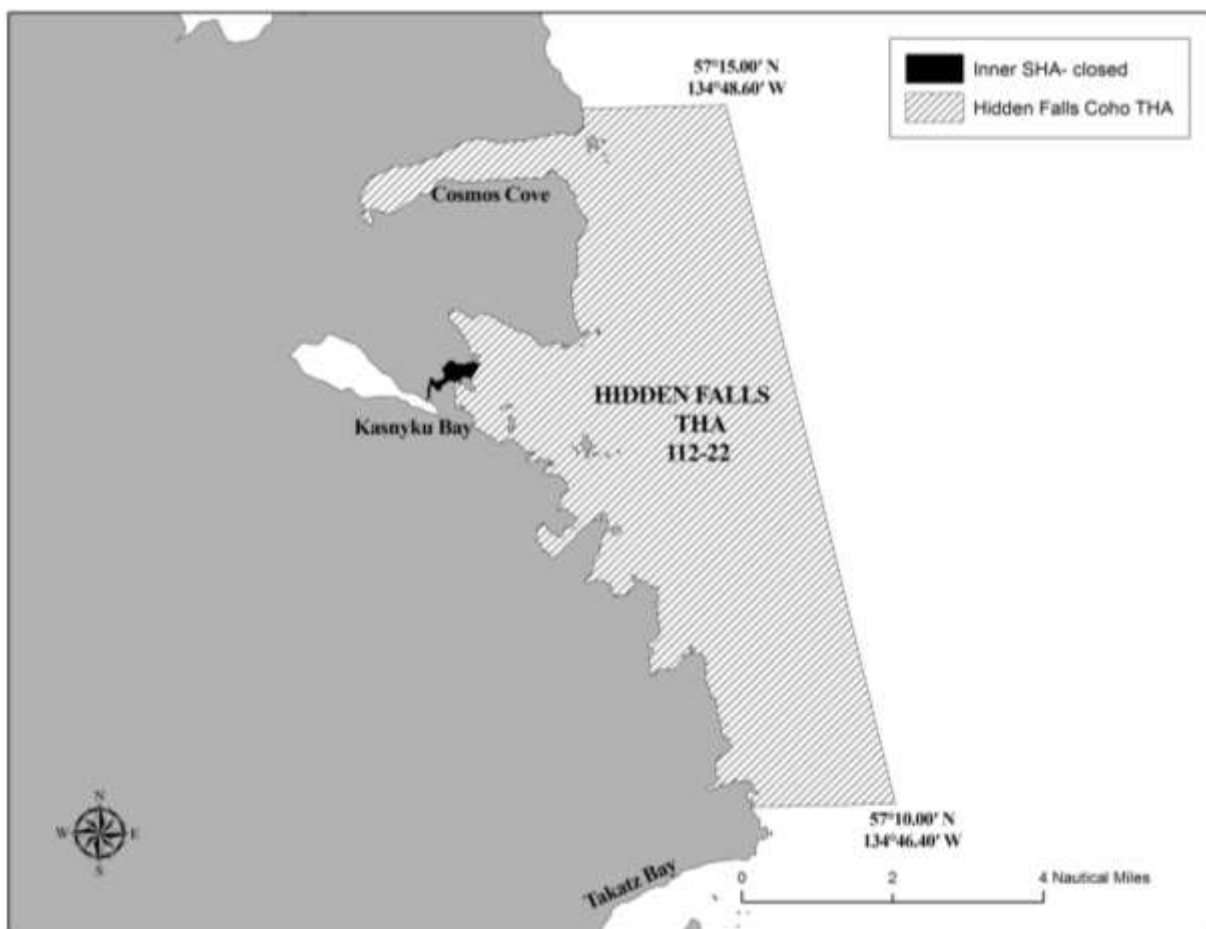
Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

During the closure period, trolling will remain open to all species in the Anita Bay and the Nakat Inlet THAs. The Deep Inlet THA is closed until further notice, as announced on July 26. Following the closure of the king salmon retention period, all king salmon harvested in THAs listed above must be offloaded prior to trolling outside THA boundaries.

The Hidden Falls THA will be open to troll retention of all species except king salmon during the closure period in the area described below:

Hidden Falls (112-22): waters will be open south of 57°15.00' N. lat., north of 57°10.00' N. lat., and west of a line from 57°15.00' N. lat., 134°48.60' W. long., to 57°10.00' N. lat., 134°46.40' W. long., with the following exception:

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



Hidden Falls THA open to trolling during coho closure.

The 2016 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at:

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

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6416.

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

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