



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 2024 commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

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| Bucareli Bay (103-50) | May 13–14 |
| Trocadero Bay (103-60) | May 17–18 |
| Port Saint Nicholas (103-63) | May 12–17 |
| San Alberto Bay (103-70) | May 15–16 |

Sitka area

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| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | May 17–18 |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | May 12–14 |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | May 15–17 |

Yakutat area

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| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | May 13 |
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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 Western Channel, Goddard, and West Crawfish Inlet spring troll areas will open initially during the week of May 26, and the Mountain Point and Rock Point spring troll areas will open on June 8. The Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 15 and the Northern Chatham Strait and Point Couverden hatchery chum salmon areas will open on June 17. **Chinook salmon retention is prohibited in these hatchery chum salmon fisheries. Maps of spring troll and terminal harvest areas (THA)** and additional details on the fishery are available in ADF&G area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring.

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 separated by area.** 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.

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. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in these 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–August 1 |
| Kendrick Bay THA (102-15) | June 15–September 30 |
| Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63) | June 1–July 31 |
| Anita Bay THA (107-35) | June 1–November 10 |
| Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40) | June 1–June 30 |
| Southeast Cove THA (109-41) | June 17–August 3 |
| Thomas Bay THA (110-12) | June 16–August 3 |
| Hidden Falls THA (112-22) | June 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– September 20 |

The waters of Bear Cove, within the Sitka Sound spring troll area, **will close to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024.**

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°00.63' N lat, 135°09.80' W long, to the north shore at 57°01.07' N lat, 135°09.93' W long (Figure 1).

The waters of Bear Cove described above **will be closed during all Sitka Sound spring troll area open fishing periods that occur from May 15–31 and this area will remain closed during the Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area open fishing period from June 1–July 30.** The Bear Cove closure will also be addressed in a future Silver Bay THA advisory announcement.

This closure is being implemented at the request of the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association in order to meet Chinook salmon broodstock goals at the Medvejie Creek Hatchery. If broodstock needs are met, the specified waters of Bear Cove may reopen to trolling.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0524, 1S0624.

| 2024 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort | | | | |
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| Spring Troll Area | Week of 5/5 (SW 19) | | Cumulative | |
| | Landings | Harvest | Landings | Harvest |
| Redoubt Bay (113-30) | * | * | * | * |
| Sitka Sound (113-41) | 25 | 437 | 55 | 776 |
| Salisbury Sound (113-62) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 31 |
| Yakutat Bay (183-10) | 5 | 26 | 10 | 54 |
| Totals for Region | 30 | 463 | 68 | 861 |

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

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| Troll Hotline | 225-6870 | | 747-8765 | 465-8765 | | | |

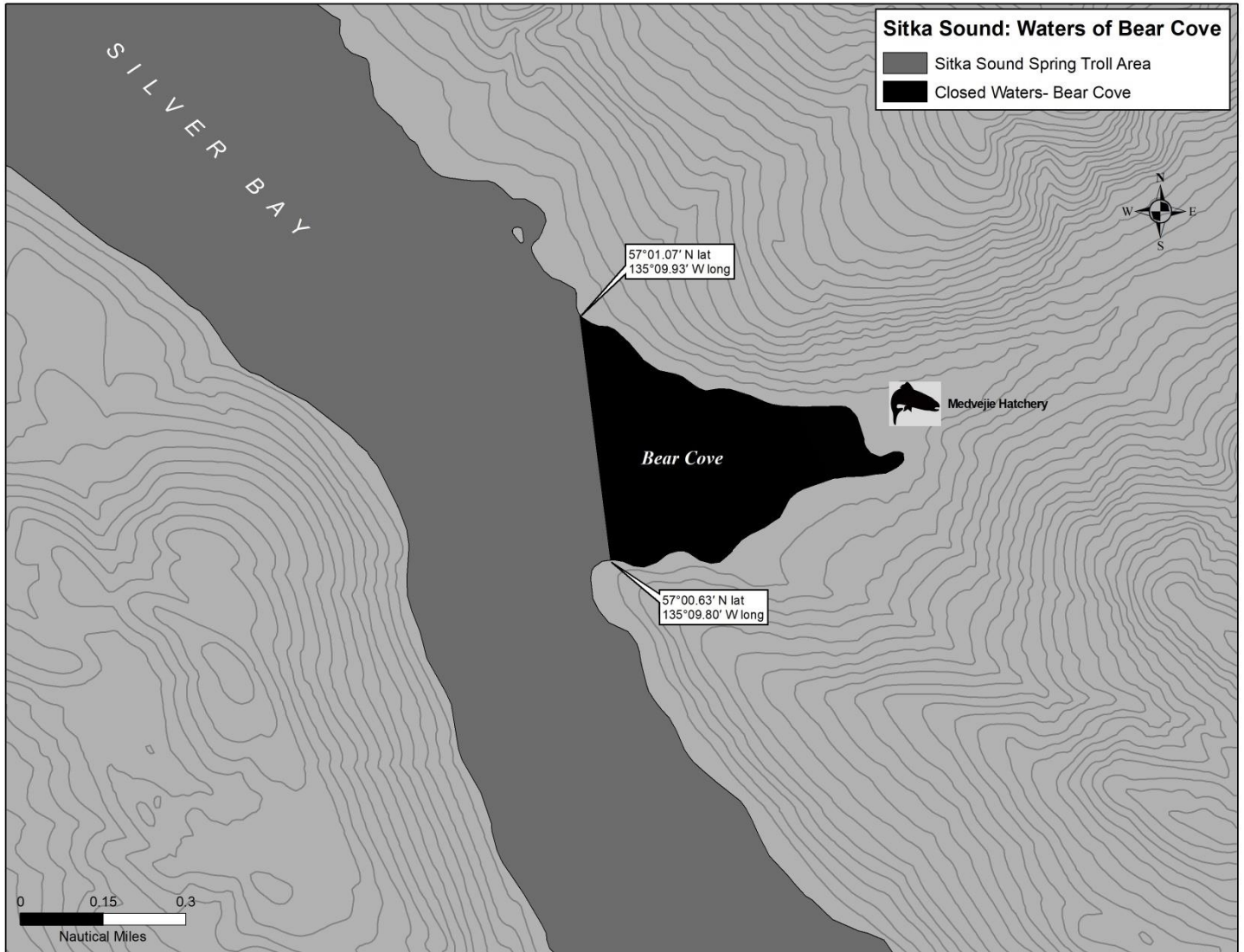


Figure 1.—Waters of Bear Cove, within the Sitka Sound Spring Troll Area, closed to commercial troll gear May 15–31.