



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery.

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Craig area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50) May 12-13
Port Saint Nicholas (103-60) May 10-11

Sitka area:

Redoubt Bay (113-30) May 13-14
Sitka Sound (113-41) May 9-13
Salisbury Sound (113-62) May 14-16

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) May 11

Weekly troll openings will be announced by advisory announcement each Friday. The Western Channel, Goddard, West Crawfish Inlet, Mountain Point, and Rock Point spring troll Chinook areas will open initially during the week of May 31. The Northern Chatham Strait, Point Couverden, Homeshore, Cross Sound, South Passage, and Keku Strait enhanced chum salmon areas will open on June 15; Chinook salmon retention is prohibited. Maps of THA/SHA and spring troll areas and additional details on the fishery are provided in the 2020 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan, available in area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at:

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

Fishing time in an area may be extended based on inseason assessment of coded wire tag data and historic harvest timing information. **It is extremely important to segregate fish caught in different fishery areas so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel.** If salmon are harvested in multiple areas, each troller and tender is required to report these catches on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

Terminal and Special Harvest Area (THA/SHA) openings will occur as follows:

Silver Bay THA (113-35)	June 1- July 30 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	June 1- September 20 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	June 1- September 20 to troll gear, unless closed by emergency order
Port Armstrong SHA (109-11)	June 1-30 to troll gear unless closed by emergency order
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	June 1-30 to troll gear unless closed by emergency order
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	June 1, see troll gear schedule in Anita Bay advisory announcement
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	June 6, see troll gear schedule in Deep Inlet advisory announcement
Neets Bay THA (101-95)	June 15, see troll gear schedule in Neets Bay advisory announcement
Thomas Bay SHA (110-12)	June 21, see troll gear schedule in Thomas Bay advisory announcement
Southeast Cove THA (109-41)	June 21, see troll gear schedule in Southeast Cove advisory announcement

2020 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort					
Spring Troll Area	<i>Week of 5/3 (SW 19)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>		
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest	
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	16	99	40	304	
Port Saint Nicholas (103-60)	11	132	12	155	
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	*	*	6	45	
Sitka Sound (113-41)	28	260	44	338	
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	5	18	
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	10	64	20	155	
Totals for Region	68	588	127	1,015	

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

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0220, 1S0420.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

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

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