



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial troll fishery will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., August 6, 2020, except within the hatchery chum salmon and terminal harvest areas noted below. The fishery will be closed for eight days, from August 7–14, 2020, and will reopen to the taking of all salmon at 12:01 a.m., August 15, 2020.

Chinook Salmon Retention Period

The troll fishery will open for the retention of Chinook salmon from 12:01 a.m., August 15, 2020, until closed by emergency order. A total of 71,000 treaty Chinook salmon were harvested by trollers during the first summer opening, leaving an estimated 50,600 Chinook salmon (including a 1% Alaska hatchery component) to harvest during the second opening. The areas of high Chinook salmon abundance will remain closed (5 AAC 29.025) as well as those waters identified in 5 AAC 29.150. The retention period will be managed inseason with no predetermined length and will be closed by emergency order. The department anticipates a relatively short opening, with the harvest target estimated to be taken in **four to six days**. However, actual harvest and catch rates can be affected significantly by the level of effort as well as weather conditions.

Trollers are strongly encouraged to contact the troll fishery managers during the retention period to report harvest and effort information via phone (747-6688, voicemail available after hours) or email (grant.hagerman@alaska.gov or mike.vaughn@alaska.gov). The fishery closure will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement, United States Coast Guard and National Weather Service marine broadcasts and the ADF&G troll fishery telephone hotline.

Reporting and Landing Requirements

Following the closure of the coho salmon fishery, all coho salmon must be offloaded from a vessel prior to participating in the hatchery chum salmon fisheries described below. 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 through the Chinook salmon opening must submit a fish ticket to the department within seven days after offloading Chinook 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.

Hatchery Chum Salmon Fishery

Trollers may target chum salmon during the troll closure, August 7–14, 2020, in the areas described below. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained; however, coho and Chinook salmon may not be retained during these fisheries (5 AAC 29.112).

West Crawfish Inlet (113-32): waters of West Crawfish Inlet and Windy Passage, southeast of a line from 56°47.11' N lat, 135°18.87' W long, to 56°46.89' N lat, 135°19.92' W long, northeast of a line from 56°45.80' N lat, 135°20.06' W long, to 56°45.30' N lat, 135°17.64' W long, and northwest of a line from 56°45.32' N lat, 135°16.99' W long, to 56°45.36' N lat, 135°16.89' W long, in First Narrows (Figure 1).

Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33): waters south of 56°47.14' N lat in Cedar Pass, northeast of a line from 56°43.83' N lat, 135°16.13' W long to 56°43.49' N lat, 135°15.50' W long in Middle Channel, and north of a line from 56°43.01' N lat, 135°12.93' W long to 56°43.25' N lat, 135°12.18' W long in Walker Channel. (Figure 1).

Sitka Sound (113-41): 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 (Figure 2).

Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

During the closure period, trolling will remain open to all species in the Herring Bay Troll THA (101-40), and in the Deep Inlet (113-38) and Anita Bay (107-35) THAs, according to the rotational schedule announced in the April 15 and 17 advisory announcements. Chinook and coho salmon harvested in THAs listed above must be offloaded prior to trolling outside THA boundaries during the coho closure.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) remains open to troll gear during the closure period for harvest of coho and chum salmon.

The Thomas Bay THA (110-12) will be open to troll retention of all species except Chinook and coho salmon through August 8.

Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will be open to troll retention of all species except Chinook during the mid-August troll fishery closure. The THA during the closure is defined in 5 AAC 33.374(e) as:

Hidden Falls THA (112-22): waters within one mile of shore 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 (Figure 3), 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.

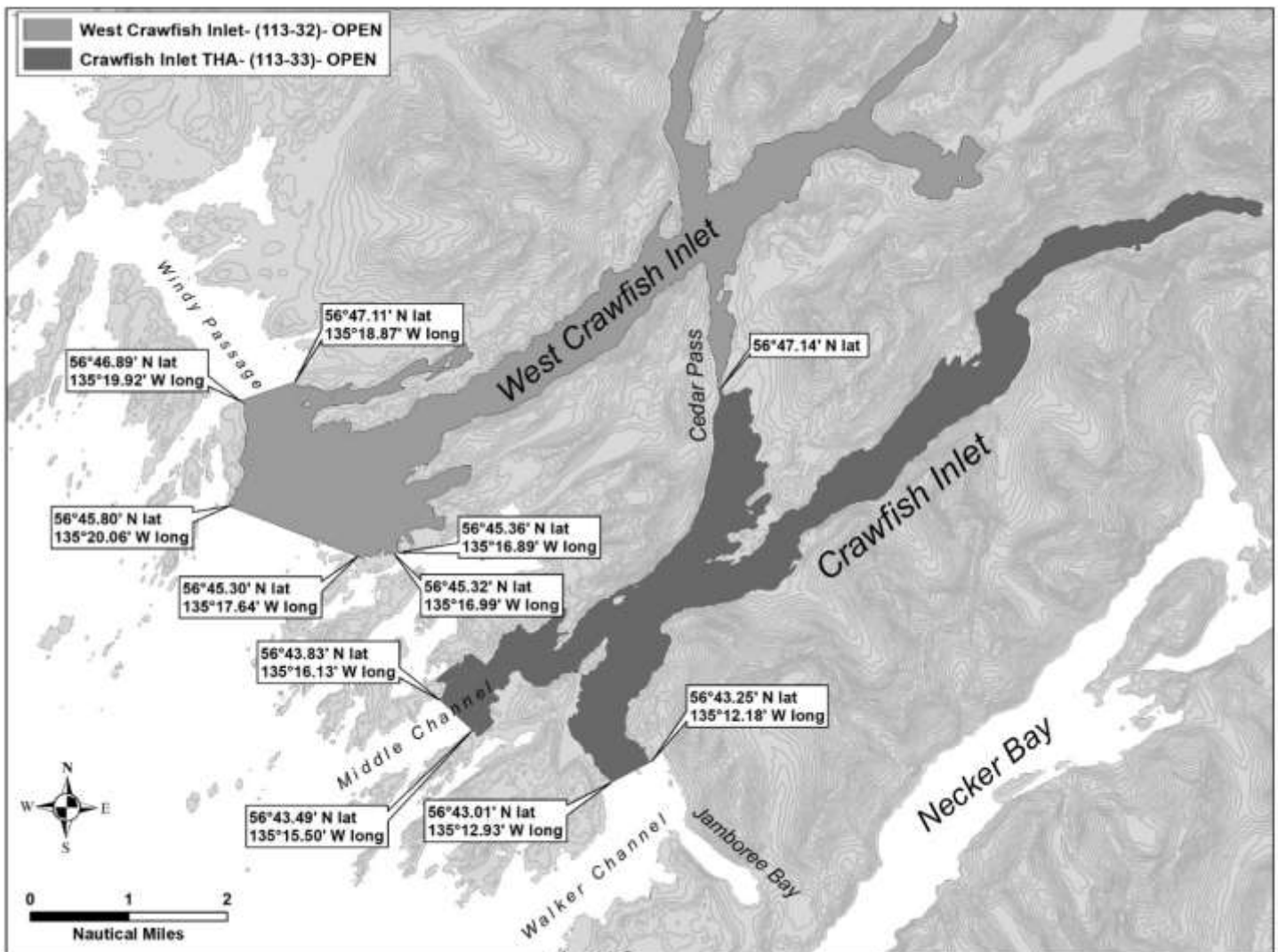


Figure 1.—Waters open to chum trolling in Crawfish Inlet THA and West Crawfish Inlet during coho closure.

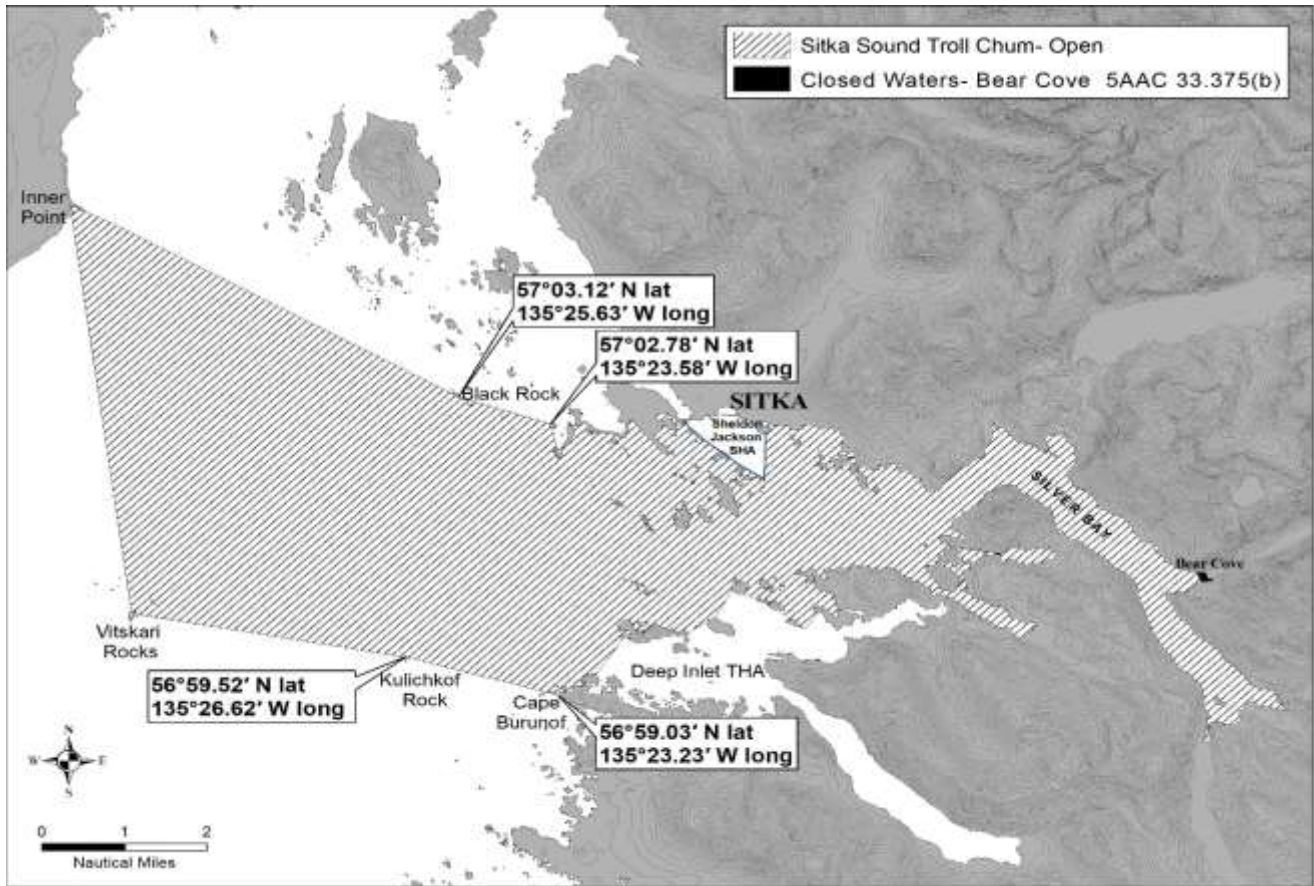


Figure 2.—Waters open to chum trolling in Sitka Sound during coho closure

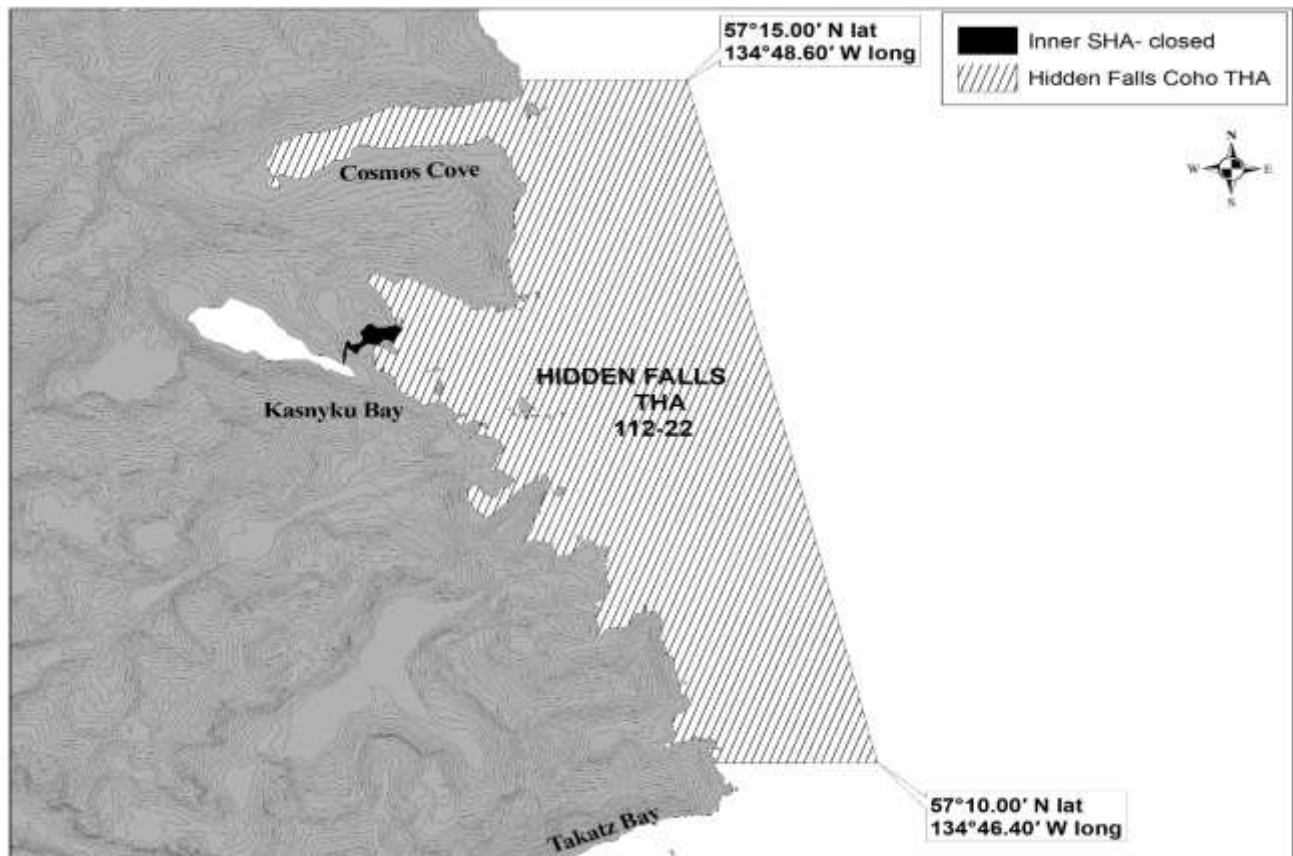


Figure 3.—Waters open to chum trolling in Hidden Falls THA during coho closure

The 2020 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_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement 1S4020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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/>

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