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**DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be closed to commercial troll, drift gillnet, and purse seine common property fisheries effective 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has requested the department close the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial salmon fisheries at the end of the drift gillnet opening on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, to protect returning chum salmon needed for broodstock. NSRAA needs approximately 120,000 chum salmon for broodstock to meet their 102 million egg take goal, and the current estimate at Bear Cove/Medveje Hatchery is approximately 30,000 fish. The high percentage of 3-year-old chum salmon has increased the number fish needed for broodstock to obtain the egg take goal. NSRAA will continue to monitor chum salmon recruitment into both Bear Cove and Deep Inlet.

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/>

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1520.

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