



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2020–2021 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial winter troll fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, October 11, 2020. The fishery will continue through March 15, 2021, or until a total of 45,000 non-Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon are harvested [5 AAC 29.070 (a)(1) and 5 AAC 29.080 (a)].

The coordinates for the 2020–2021 winter troll fishery remain unchanged from recent seasons however are modified, by emergency order, from those provided in regulation. These coordinates can be found in the 2020–2021 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan, and are described as follows [5 AAC 29.020(b)]:

the winter fishery is confined to an area east of a line across Yakutat Bay from the westernmost tip of **Point Manby** at 59°41.66' N lat, 140°19.70' W long, to 59°40.02' N lat, 140°24.36' W long, to 59°31.25' N lat, 139°53.69' W long to **Ocean Cape** at 59°32.06' N lat, 139°51.46' W long, and a line from the southernmost tip of **Cape Spencer** (58°12.62' N lat, 136°39.82' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Yakobi Rock** (58°05.15' N lat, 136°33.79' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Cape Cross** (57°54.70' N lat, 136°33.76' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Point Theodore** (57°50.73' N lat, 136°27.52' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Edward** to the westernmost tip of **Khaz Point** to the westernmost tip of **Point Slocum** to the westernmost tip of **Klokachef Island** (57°24.17' N lat, 135°54.42' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Georgiana** (57°19.78' N lat, 135°51.79' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Point Amelia** (57°13.40' N lat, 135°52.67' W long) to **Cape Edgcombe Light** (56°59.89' N lat, 135°51.48' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Point Woodhouse** (56°50.05' N lat, 135°32.56' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Rogers Island** to the westernmost tip of **Aspid Cape** (56°41.18' N lat, 135°13.72' W long) to the southernmost tip of **North Cape** (56°35.68' N lat, 135°08.37' W long) to 56°22.77' N lat, 134°57.00' W long, to 56°19.50' N lat, 134°54.00' W long to the southwesternmost tip of **Puffin Point** to the northwesternmost tip of **Bahrovoi Point** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Ommaney** (56°09.63' N lat, 134°40.25' W long) to **Nation Point** (55°55.66' N lat, 134°20.10' W long) to **Helm Point** (55°49.42' N lat, 134°16.95' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Cape Addington** (55°26.28' N lat, 133°49.49' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Chirikof** (55°18.14' N lat, 133°41.49' W long) to **Cape Bartolome Light** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Felix** (55°12.49' N lat, 133°24.97' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Bruin Point** to the westernmost tip of **Sakie Point** to the westernmost tip of **Cape Augustine** to the westernmost tip of **Rockwell Point** to the westernmost tip of **Ritter Point** to the westernmost tip of **Point Bazan** to the westernmost tip of **Security Point** to **Point Cornwallis Light** to the southernmost tip of **Liscome Point** to the westernmost tip of **Wolk Point** to 54°39.87' N lat, 132°43.53' W long, to **Cape Muzon Light** to the southernmost tip of **Point Nunez** to the southernmost tip of **Cape Chacon** (54°41.37' N lat, 132°01.08' W long) to the southernmost tip of **West Rock** (54°48.60' N lat, 131°29.94' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Yellow Rocks** (54°47.30' N lat, 131°14.21' W long) to **Tree Point Light** to **Lord Rock Light** to a point on the **International Boundary** at 130°49.00' W long.

CLOSED WATERS

Closed waters in the winter troll fishery are specified in 5 AAC 29.080 (b) and 5 AAC 29.150 (a)(1) and permit trolling for salmon during the winter fishery within 500 yards of the terminus of salmon streams. The following areas are closed to salmon trolling during the winter troll fishery as provided in 5 AAC 29.080 (b) and by emergency order in accordance with the Chilkat and King Salmon rivers action plans:

1. **District 1:** waters of Behm Canal in Section 1-D between a line from Nose Point to Snail Point and a line from Cactus Point to Point Eva are closed.

2. **District 8:** waters west of the Stikine River inside a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southernmost tip of Liesnoi Island to the southernmost tip of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, to the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northernmost tip of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore are closed.
3. **District 11:** waters in Section 11-A east of a line from Outer Point to Point Louisa and north and west of a line from Salisbury Point to Point Tantallon, (including the waters of Gastineau Channel) are closed.
4. **District 15:**
 - A. Section 15-A: waters north of the latitude of Sherman Rock at 58°51.00' N lat, are closed through December 31, 2020.
 - B. Section 15-B: waters of Berners Bay east of a line from Point St. Mary at 58°43.93' N lat, 135°01.43' W long to Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N lat, 134°59.25' W long are closed.

Except for those areas specified in this section, all remaining waters listed in the 5 AAC 29.150 Closed Waters section of the regulation book are open to trolling during the winter troll season.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (THA)

As previously announced, the Hidden Falls THA is open to trolling through October 10 for all salmon species except Chinook, while the Anita Bay (open to all salmon species), and Nakat Inlet (open to all salmon species except Chinook) THAs will be open to trolling through November 10. Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the waters of THAs and Special Harvest Areas (SHA) once they have closed and cease to function as THA/SHAs and are then included as waters open during the traditional winter troll fishery.

LANDING REQUIREMENTS

Fish tickets must be submitted to the nearest Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) office or postmarked for mailing within seven days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel. Fish tickets may be mailed directly to troll management at the Sitka ADF&G office. All salmon harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery. In addition to the reporting requirements specified in 5 AAC 39.130, trollers and processors are required to record a 5-digit statistical area for salmon and the corresponding 6-digit statistical area for groundfish bycatch reported on fish tickets as well as start and end date fished and date of landing. If multiple statistical areas were fished, the percentage of harvest by area should be included in the statistical area worksheet.

The *2020–2021 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* is available in all ADF&G area offices and on the troll fishery website at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollwinter.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6220

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/>.

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

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