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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 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 10, 2022. 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 troll opening on Saturday, September 10, 2022, to protect returning chum and coho salmon for broodstock and cost recovery harvest. At Bear Cove (Medveje Hatchery) NSRAA has collected approximately 50% of a 92-million egg-take goal. Currently, it is estimated that as many as 10,000 chum salmon will be needed to complete the egg-take goal for chum salmon. The coho salmon run to Bear Cove and Deep Inlet continues to perform below forecast. The Deep Inlet coho salmon run has been especially poor, with less than 6% of forecast returning to date, indicating additional closures to protect coho salmon broodstock are necessary at this time.

Cost recovery at Crawfish Inlet is approximately 85% complete. Based on recent cost recovery harvests and run timing, NSRAA anticipates that achieving the cost recovery goal here is unlikely. NSRAA plans to utilize any chum salmon in Deep Inlet surplus to brood stock needs for cost recovery. NSRAA will continue to monitor the chum and coho salmon runs to both Bear Cove and Deep Inlet but a re-opening of the Deep Inlet THA this season is unlikely.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E3922.

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