



## Advisory Announcement

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The commercial salmon summer troll season will close according to regulation at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2022 [5 AAC 29.110(a)]. Current escapement projections from wild Southeast Alaska/Yakutat coho salmon indicator stocks are that runs to most systems throughout the region are below average or near the lower bound of escapement goal ranges. In addition, harvest and harvest rates in the drift gillnet fisheries through statistical week 37, which are a primary abundance indicator for inside waters, have generally been below average. The current all-gear commercial wild coho salmon harvest is projected to be 42% below the recent 20-year average. Similarly, the updated projection of the regional wild coho salmon abundance of 3.24 million fish has declined slightly from the July projection of 3.49 and the August projection of 3.27 million fish and is an 18% decrease from the recent 20-year average. Correspondingly, the commercial troll coho salmon harvest has been below average all season and is currently at 754,000 fish, which ranks third lowest on record for the previous 40-year period. Furthermore, regional troll harvest rates have been below the 20-year average for all but three weeks of the summer fishery. Given these indications of below average coho salmon abundance, a 10-day extension of the summer troll season is not warranted.

The current harvest estimate for the second summer troll Chinook salmon retention period is 52,000 treaty Chinook salmon. A total of 15,000 treaty Chinook salmon remain on the harvest target for the second retention period and the annual troll allocation. Chinook salmon retention **will close in all waters** concurrently with the general summer troll fishery at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

### Landing Requirements

All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department within seven days of landing, and any vessel whose port of landing is outside the State of Alaska must submit a completed fish ticket to the department before the fish are transported outside of the jurisdiction of the state [5 AAC 39.130(c)]. The fish ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds for each species that remains onboard the vessel and a notation that fish have not been offloaded. All fish harvested in the summer troll fishery must be offloaded prior to participating in the winter troll fishery.

### Terminal Harvest Areas (THA)

Following the closure of the general summer season on September 20, several Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) will continue to be open to troll gear according to management plans and advisory announcements specific to each area. The Anita Bay and Nakat Inlet THAs will remain open through November 10. The Mist Cove THA and a portion of the Mist Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA) will remain open through September 30, unless closed earlier by emergency order. The Mist Cove THA consists of those waters outside of the Mist Cove Special Harvest Area north of the latitude of 56°28.00' N lat, west of a line from 56°28.00' N lat, 134°37.00' W long to Patterson Point Light (56°32.39' N lat, 134°38.27' W long) to a point on the Baranof Island shore at 56°32.52' N lat, 134°40.18' W long, and east of the longitude of 134°41.00' W long in Deep Cove. The waters of the Mist Cove SHA south of a line from 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.20' W long to 56°31.07' N lat, 134°40.12' W long remain closed to commercial salmon fishing (Figure 1).

### Winter Troll Season

The winter troll fishery will open according to regulation at 12:01 a.m., October 11, 2022. The 2022–2023 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan will be available in all ADF&G offices and on the troll fishery website by the week of October 2nd.

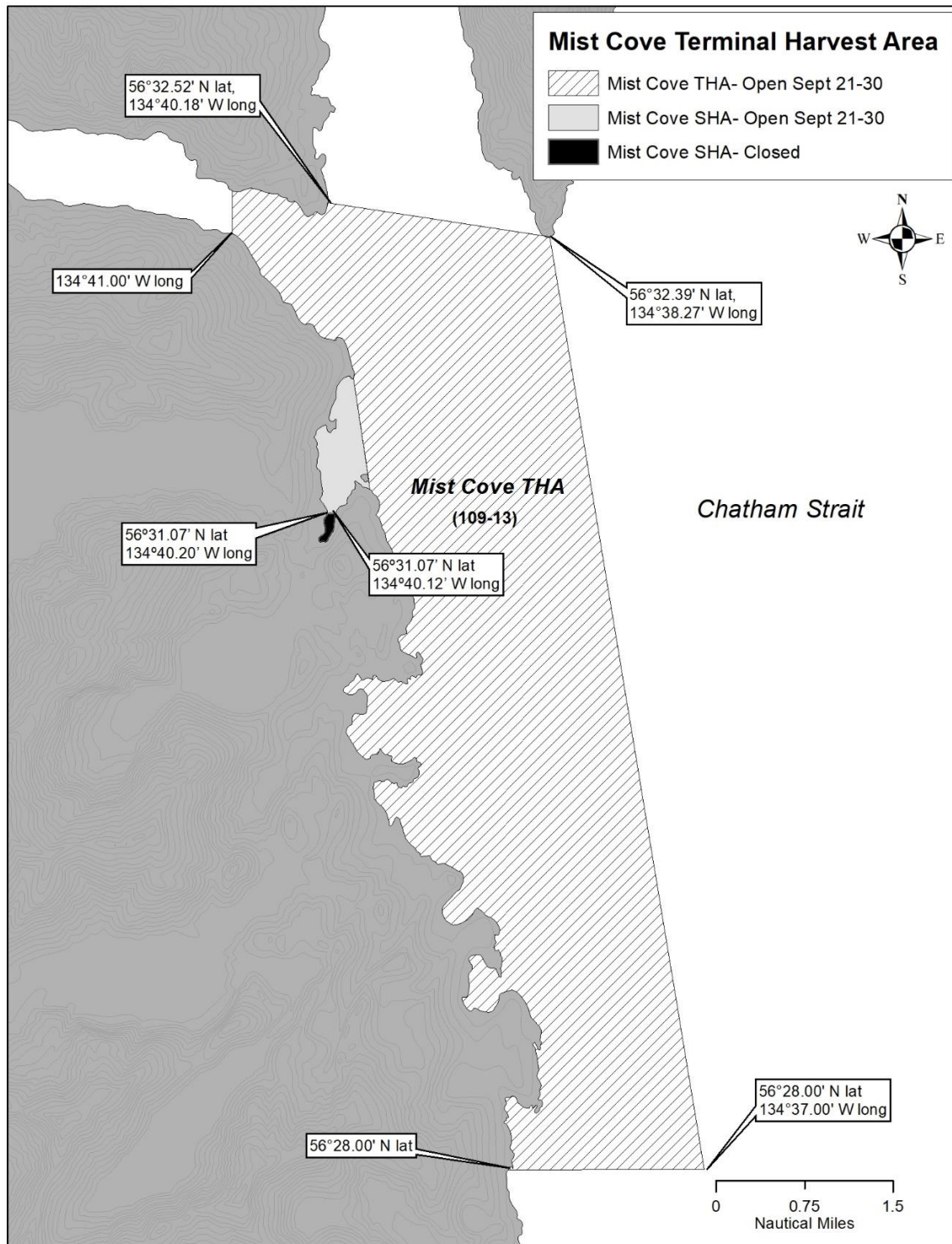


Figure 1.—Mist Cove THA open to troll gear Sept 21–30, 2022.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1E4022 and 1S7422.

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