



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT WINTER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The **2022/2023 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial winter troll fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2022.** The fishery will continue through March 15, 2023, 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]).

During the 2022 BOF meeting held in Anchorage, action plans were adopted giving the department direction, through emergency order authority, to identify and implement actions that provide conservation for Southeast Alaska/Yakutat (SEAK) and Transboundary River (TBR) wild Chinook salmon stocks while continuing to identify harvest opportunities that maintain conservation of these stocks. Based on that direction, the department identified that harvest proportions of wild SEAK and TBR stocks seen in fisheries operating on the outside waters of Southeast Alaska continued to remain low due to the abundance of non-Alaska stocks prevalent in these areas and accordingly re-opened the winter troll fishery in April 2022 in outer coastal portions of the winter troll fishery area. During this fishing period, department staff collected genetic stock identification (GSI) samples and collected coded wire tags (CWT) to evaluate Chinook salmon stocks encountered during that time frame. Analysis of the CWT and GSI data continues at this time and results of the findings will determine whether additional winter fishing opportunities will occur after March 15, 2023. The details of a potential extension of the fishery will be announced in a future advisory announcement.

The boundary line for the 2022/2023 winter troll fishery remains unchanged from recent seasons; however, the description is modified by emergency order, with the addition of coordinates for nearest headlands that are undefined in regulation. These coordinates will be available in the *2022/2023 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* when published, 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** (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** (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** (57°40.75' N lat, 136°15.51' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Khaz Point** (57°30.13' N lat, 136°01.44' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Point Slocum** (57°27.81' N lat, 135°58.08' W long) 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 Edgecumbe 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** (56°46.67' N lat, 135°27.99' W long) 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** (56°14.13' N lat, 134°48.41' W long) to the northwesternmost tip of **Bahrovoi Point** (56°10.96' N lat, 134°42.69' W long) 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** (55°13.84' N lat, 133°36.94' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Cape Felix** (55°12.49' N lat, 133°24.97' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Bruin Point** (55°05.08' N lat, 133°14.24' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Sakie Point** (55°03.39' N lat, 133°13.45' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Cape Augustine** (54°56.96' N lat, 133°10.01' W long)

to the westernmost tip of **Rockwell Point** (54°55.90' N lat, 133°07.99' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Ritter Point** (54°51.43' N lat, 133°02.07' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Point Bazan** (54°48.32' N lat, 132°58.57' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Security Point** (54°44.46' N lat, 132°53.15' W long) to **Point Cornwallis** (54°42.10' N lat, 132°52.49' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Liscome Point** (54°41.19' N lat, 132°50.81' W long) to the westernmost tip of **Wolk Point** (54°40.34' N lat, 132°46.73' W long) to 54°39.87' N lat, 132°43.53' W long, to **Cape Muzon Light** (54°39.89' N lat, 132°41.57' W long) to the southernmost tip of **Point Nunez** (54°41.04' N lat, 132°05.61' W long) 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** (54°48.17' N lat, 130°56.03' W long) to **Lord Rock Light** (54°43.55' N lat, 130°49.22' W long) 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). The winter troll fishery is excluded from the closed waters provisions of 5 AAC 29.150 (a)(1), except as specified in 5 AAC 29.080(b). 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 *Northern Southeast Alaska Chinook Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2022*:

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.
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 Japanese Creek on the mainland shore.
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).
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, 2022.
 - 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.

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

As previously announced, the Anita Bay and Nakat Inlet terminal harvest areas (THA) will continue to be open to troll gear through November 10 according to management plans and advisory announcements specific to each area. Following the closure of the THAs, these waters remain open to trolling as part of 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 *2022/2023 Winter Troll Fishery Management Plan* will be 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, during the week of October 2.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7622.

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

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