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# **Advisory Announcement**

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the following information concerning the 2024 commercial spring troll fishery.

## SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS

#### Ketchikan Area

Mountain Point (101-45)	June 22–30
Rock Point (101-46)	June 22–30

## Craig area

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 23–25
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	June 22; 26–28
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	June 23–30

#### Sitka area

Western Channel (113-01)	June 25
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	CLOSED
Goddard (113-31)	*June 22

\*Modified time: reduced from the previous troll announcement on Jun 14.

West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	June 26–28
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 22–30
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	CLOSED

## Icv Strait/Northern Chatham/Keku Strait hatchery chum salmon areas

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Keku Strait (109-42)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Cross Sound (114-21)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
South Passage (114-23)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Homeshore (114-25)	June 15–30	closed to Chinook salmon retention
Point Couverden (114-26)	June 24–27	pink and chum salmon retention only
Northern Chatham Strait (112-16)	) June 24–27	pink and chum salmon retention only

### Yakutat area

Yakutat Bay (183-10) June 27

This will be the final spring troll advisory announcement for 2024. Opening information for the remainder of the spring troll season, through June 30, is provided above. Spring troll fishery openings begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited in hatchery chum salmon fisheries. Maps of spring troll and terminal harvest areas (THA) and additional details on the fishery are available in ADF&G area offices and on the ADF&G troll web site at: <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon trollspring">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon trollspring</a>.

It is extremely important to segregate fish harvested in different fishery areas so that department personnel can collect accurate dockside sampling information. If salmon are harvested in multiple areas during a spring troll fishing trip, the vessel operator is required to keep fish harvested in each spring fishery separated by area. Similarly, the fish buyer is required to create a separate fish ticket for each fishery area that documents the dates fished, number of salmon, fishery

name, and salmon statistical area number for each area fished (5 AAC 29.090[k]). Fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G not later than 7 days after the landing.

THA troll openings will occur as follows, unless closed by emergency order. Opening and closing times vary by area, refer to the appropriate THA advisory announcements for fishery details. Chinook salmon retention is prohibited during the month of June in the Nakat Inlet, Kendrick Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THAs; however, Chinook salmon retention is permitted in these THAs during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29,100.

Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) June 1-November 10 Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) June 1-30 Neets Bay THA (101-95) June 27–August 1 Kendrick Bay THA (102-15) June 15–September 30 Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63) June 1–July 31 Anita Bay THA (107-35) June 1-November 10 Gunnuk Creek THA (109-40) June 1-30 Southeast Cove THA (109-41) June 17-August 3 Thomas Bay THA (110-12) June 16-August 3 Hidden Falls THA (112-22) June 1-September 20 Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33) June 1-September 20 Silver Bay THA (113-35) June 1-July 30 Deep Inlet THA (113-38) June 1- September 20

The waters of Bear Cove, within the Silver Bay THA, are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear. The closed waters of the Bear Cove are defined as:

Waters east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.63′ N lat, 135°09.80′ W long, to the north shore at 57°01.07′ N lat, 135°09.93′ W long.

The waters of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area, within the Port Saint Nicholas THA, **are closed to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear** east of 133°02.92′ W long. Additional details are available in the Port Saint Nicholas Terminal Harvest Area Troll Fishery advisory announcement issued April 25.

All salmon harvested during the spring troll fishery must be offloaded from a vessel prior to participating in the summer troll fishery. An advisory announcement detailing opening information for the beginning of the summer troll fishery will be published the week of June 23.

A draft version of the 2024 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at ADF&G area offices and the troll website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\_trollsummer.

The Emergency Orders corresponding to this announcement are EOs 1S0524 and 1S1824.

2024 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort						
	Week of 6/1	16 (SW 25)	Cumulative			
Spring Troll Area	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest		
Mountain Point (101-45)	17	312	38	594		
Rock Point (101-46)	13	343	18	435		
Carroll Inlet THA (101-48)	*	*	9	55		
Bucareli Bay (103-50)	7	34	85	724		
Trocadero Bay (103-60)	0	0	41	230		
Port Saint Nicholas (103-63)	CLOSED	CLOSED	40	255		
Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63)	5	38	28	156		
San Alberto Bay (103-70)	5	27	97	728		
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	*	*	14	103		
Hidden Falls (112-22)	0	0	*	*		
Western Channel (113-01)	26	180	85	695		
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	CLOSED	CLOSED	101	1,263		
Goddard (113-31)	0	0	63	767		
West Crawfish Inlet (113-32)	*	*	16	148		
Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33)	3	18	20	589		
Silver Bay THA (113-35)	8	47	45	333		
Deep Inlet THA (113-38)	*	*	5	50		
Sitka Sound (113-41)	49	607	332	3,741		
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	7	61	84	1,130		
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	*	*	43	226		
Totals for Region	140	1,667	1,164	12,222		
*Data are confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported						

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