



## Advisory Announcement

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The commercial troll fishery **will close to the retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2024.** The current harvest target for the first Chinook salmon retention period of 66,700 Chinook salmon is expected to be reached by this time.

**All Chinook salmon must be offloaded prior to operating troll gear for other salmon species and in Terminal Harvest Areas (THA). All processors and trollers are required to submit fish tickets to the department not later than seven days after the fish are offloaded from the vessel.** A freezer catcher–processor (FAS) that retains coho salmon onboard after the Chinook salmon fishery closure must submit a fish ticket to the department not later than seven days after offloading those Chinook salmon. The ticket must include an estimate of the number and pounds of other salmon species that remain onboard the vessel and a notation that estimated fish have not been offloaded.

Trollers are reminded that the **waters of frequent high king salmon abundance**, described in 5 AAC 29.025 and the attached map (Figure 1), **will be closed to trolling for salmon** for the remainder of the season beginning at **11:59 p.m., July 8.** Fishery participants are advised that coordinates for the high abundance areas have been added or modified by emergency order for 2024 to provide more accurate descriptions of these areas.

### TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS

Following the closure of the first retention period, Chinook salmon 28 inches and greater may be retained in select areas as outlined in THA advisory announcements issued for the following areas, unless closed by emergency order:

The Herring Bay THA (101-40) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through August 30 (5 AAC 33.369). The Anita Bay THA (107-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through November 10 (5 AAC 33.383). The Port Saint Nicholas THA (103-63) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through July 31. The Deep Inlet THA (113-38) will be open to troll gear in portions of the THA through September 20 for retention of all salmon species and will follow the gear rotational schedule announced in the Deep Inlet advisory announcement (5 AAC 33.376).

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) is open to troll gear west of the closed waters at the head of the bay and east of the longitude of Chin Point through 12:00 noon, July 15, with Chinook salmon retention permitted only in those open waters east of the Bug Island line. The waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Chin Point line and west of the Bug Island line will be open to troll gear from 12:00 noon, July 15, through 11:59 p.m., August 1; however, Chinook salmon retention and possession is prohibited. Additional details are provided in the advisory announcement issued April 19.

The Silver Bay THA (113-35) is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through July 30.

The Port Armstrong (109-11), Mist Cove (109-13), Southeast Cove (109-41), Thomas Bay (110-12), Hidden Falls (112-22), and Crawfish Inlet (113-33) THAs will close to retention of Chinook salmon at 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 8.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S3224.

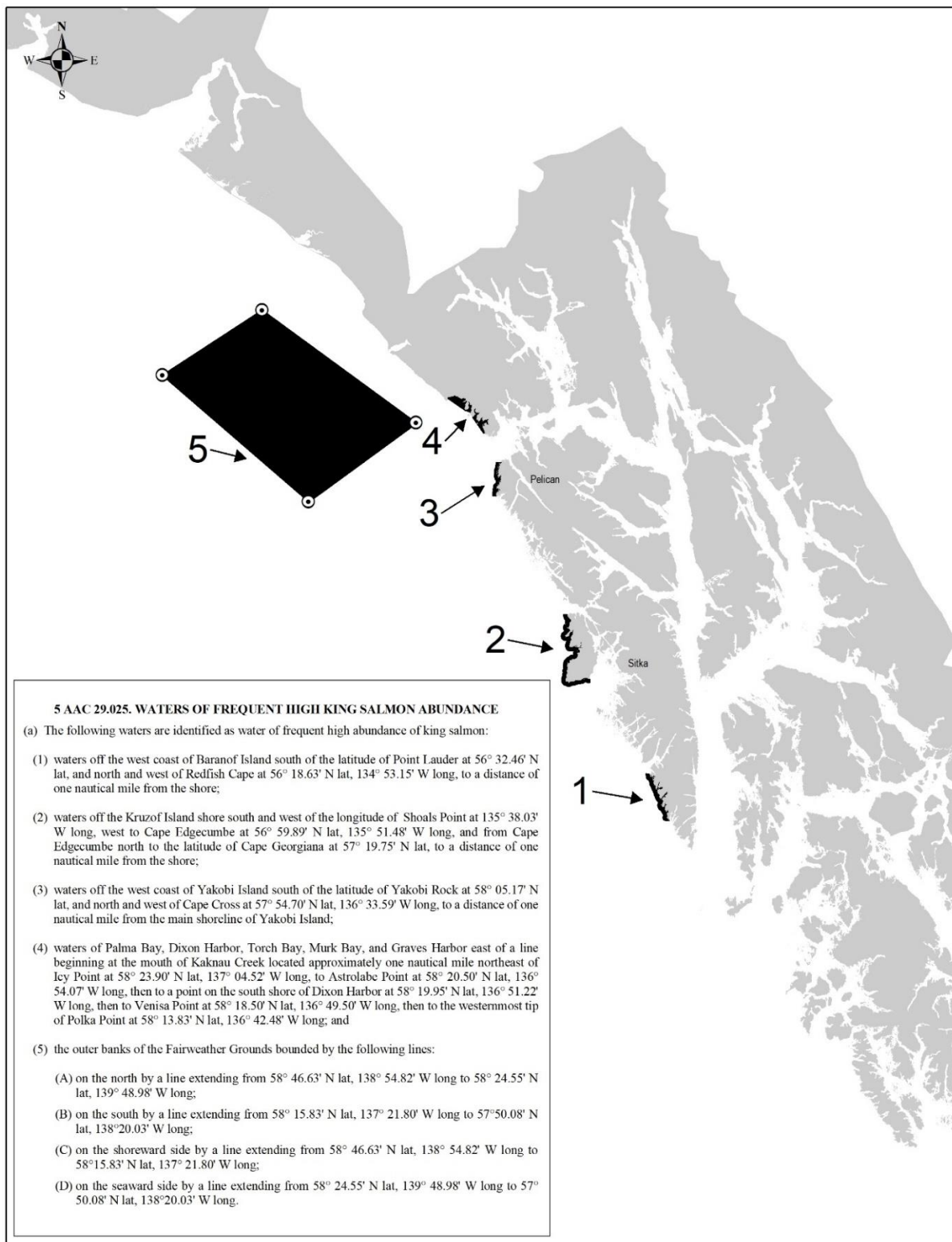


Figure 1.– Waters of frequent high king salmon abundance closed to salmon trolling following the closure of the the first summer Chinook salmon retention period.

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