



Advisory Announcement
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SILVER BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association has achieved the Chinook salmon broodstock goal for the Medvejie Creek Hatchery. The waters of Bear Cove that closed to salmon fishing on May 14 will reopen to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear at 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 12, 2024.

The **Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA)** commercial salmon troll fishery is open for the harvest of Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye, and pink salmon through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 30, unless closed by emergency order.

The Silver Bay THA (**statistical area 113-35**) consists of the waters east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.96' N lat, 135°15.01' W long, to Silver Point at 57°00.80' N lat, 135°18.09' W long (Figure 1). **Troll fishery participants are advised that coordinates for Entry Point Light and Silver Point have been modified by emergency order, as noted in previous advisory announcements issued for the Silver Bay THA on April 24, 2024.**

The waters of Bear Cove east of a line from a point on the south shore at 57°00.77' N lat, 135°09.08' W long, to the north shore at 57°00.94' N lat, 135°09.23' W long remain closed to commercial salmon troll gear as specified under 5 AAC 33.375(b). Notwithstanding the closed water provisions of Bear Cove cited in 5 AAC 33.375(b), regulatory language is added to 5 AAC 29.150(a) by emergency order to open the remaining waters of Bear Cove, that are within 500 yards of the terminus of Medvejie Creek, to commercial salmon trolling during open fishing periods that occur in the THA through July 30. All other anadromous stream buffer closures for salmon fishing with troll gear are in effect in the Silver Bay THA.

Statistical area 113-35 should be recorded on fish tickets for harvest within the Silver Bay THA. Fish harvested in the THA should be separated from fish caught in other areas so that department personnel will have the opportunity to obtain biological samples. Permit holders are advised that they must offload all Chinook salmon taken in the THA prior to fishing in areas where Chinook salmon retention is prohibited. Following the closure of the Silver Bay THA, this area is managed as a traditional salmon fishery with harvest reported using statistical area 113-41.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E2324.

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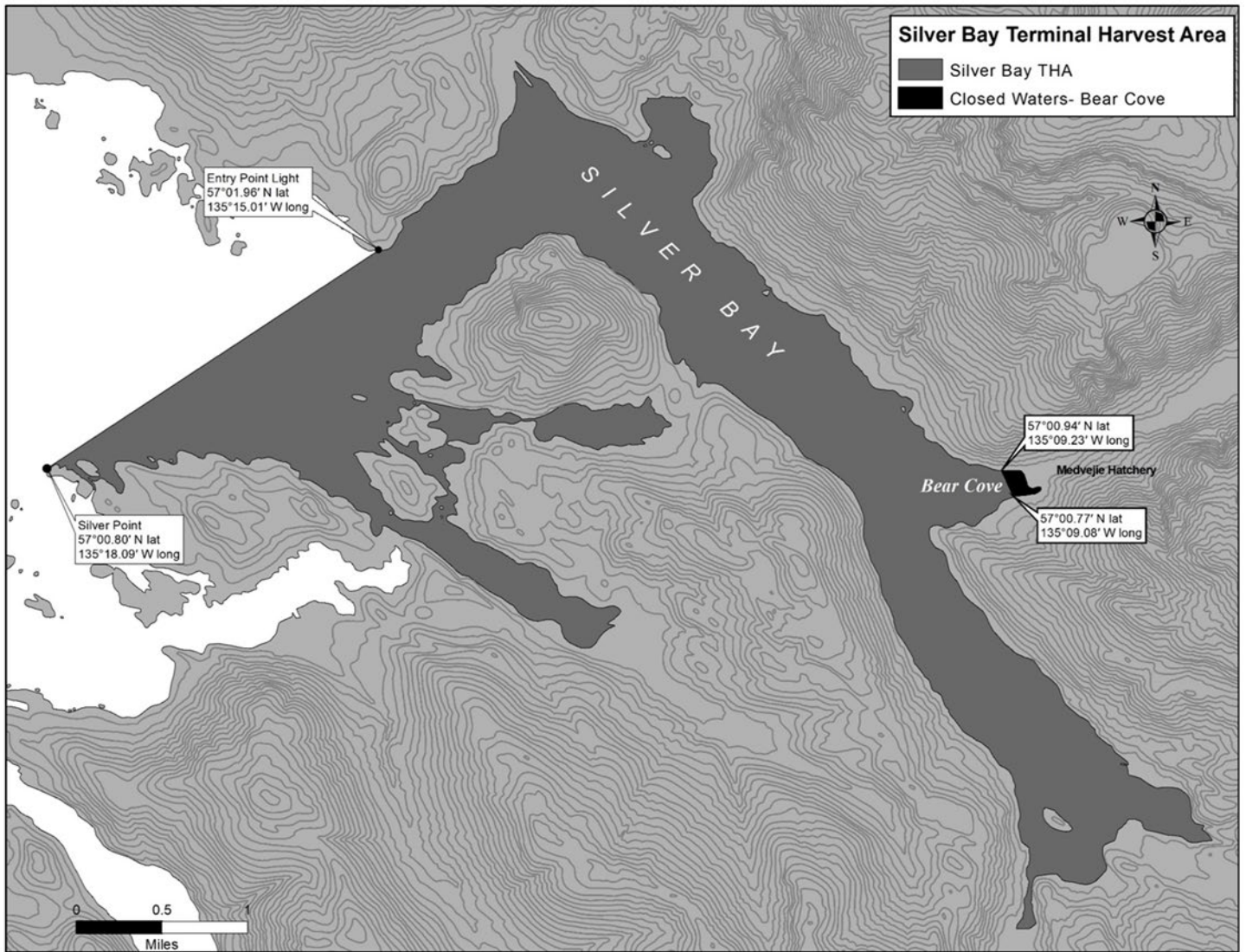


Figure 1.-Silver Bay Terminal Harvest Area.