

## Comments on Reopening Winter Troll Areas

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There is ample stock composition data for the winter fishery to estimate impacts on Alaska stocks of concern and treaty Chinook stocks. ADFG staff has suggested that some additional, safe fishing opportunity exists in portions of the winter fishery that are currently closed under the stocks of concern management plans.

Reopening small portions of the traditional winter fishery will help those fishermen who are currently unable to access their historic winter fishing areas due to conservation management.

This action would not be allocative between the fishing seasons, because the winter fishery is managed to a GHL. If anything, reopening some of the traditional winter fishing areas and reestablish the allocative harvest proportions amongst the troll fleet.