



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska/Yakutat commercial troll fishery will close to the taking of all salmon at 11:59 p.m., August 8, 2026, except within the hatchery chum salmon and terminal harvest areas (THA) noted below. The fishery will be closed for 4 days, from August 9 through 12, 2026, and will reopen to the taking of all salmon at 12:01 a.m., August 13, 2026.

Chinook Salmon Retention Period

The troll fishery will open for the retention of Chinook salmon at 12:01 a.m., August 13, 2026, and will remain open until closed by emergency order. An estimated 82,000 treaty Chinook salmon will be harvested by trollers during the first summer opening, leaving approximately 36,000 Chinook salmon (including a 2% Alaska hatchery component) to harvest during the second opening. Beginning 12:01 a.m., August 13, **the areas of high Chinook salmon abundance will open by emergency order until further notice** (5 AAC 29.100[c][2][A]). The retention period will be managed inseason with no predetermined length and will be closed by emergency order.

Trollers are strongly encouraged to contact the troll fishery managers during the retention period to report harvest and effort information via phone (747-6688; voicemail available after hours, dial * and extension 237) or email (grant.hagerman@alaska.gov or isabel.platten@alaska.gov). The fishery closure will be announced by ADF&G advisory announcement, will be recorded on the ADF&G troll fishery telephone hotline, and may be broadcasted over the United States Coast Guard and National Weather Service marine broadcasts.

Reporting and Landing Requirements

Following the closure of the Chinook and coho salmon fishery, all Chinook and coho salmon must be offloaded from a vessel prior to participating in the hatchery chum salmon fisheries described below. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within 7 days of landing. A catcher–processor (FAS) that does not participate in the chum fishery during the troll closure is not required to offload their frozen product.

A catcher–processor (FAS) that retains frozen Chinook or coho salmon onboard through the closure and into the next Chinook salmon opening must submit a fish ticket to the department within seven days after offloading those Chinook and coho salmon.

Hatchery Chum Salmon Fishery

Trollers may target chum salmon during the troll closure, August 9–12, 2026, in the areas described below. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained; however, coho and Chinook salmon may not be retained during these fisheries (5 AAC 29.112).

Neets Bay (101-90): waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W long, and west of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14' W long (Figure 1).

West Crawfish Inlet (113-32): waters of West Crawfish Inlet and Windy Passage, southeast of a line from 56°47.11' N lat, 135°18.87' W long, to 56°46.89' N lat, 135°19.92' W long, northeast of a line from 56°45.80' N lat, 135°20.06' W long, to 56°45.30' N lat, 135°17.64' W long, and northwest of a line from 56°45.32' N lat, 135°16.99' W long, to 56°45.36' N lat, 135°16.89' W long, in First Narrows (Figure 2).

Crawfish Inlet THA (113-33): waters south of 56°47.14' N lat in Cedar Pass, northeast of a line from 56°43.83' N lat, 135°16.13' W long to 56°43.49' N lat, 135°15.50' W long in Middle Channel, and north of a line from 56°43.01' N lat, 135°12.93' W long to 56°43.25' N lat, 135°12.18' W long in Walker Channel. The Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA), which includes those waters of Crawfish Inlet east of 135°11.05' W long, are closed (Figure 2).

Sitka Sound (113-41): waters of Sitka Sound and the Eastern Channel east of a line from Vitskari Rock Light at 57°00.00' N lat, 135°32.71' W long, to Inner Point at 57°05.52' N lat, 135°34.25' W long, south of a line from Inner Point to Black Rock at 57°03.14' N lat, 135°25.65' W long, to Signal Island Light at 57°02.78' N lat, 135°23.57' W long, and north of a line from Cape Burunof at 56°59.04' N lat, 135°23.21' W long, to Kulichkof Rock at 56°59.48' N lat, 135°26.65' W long, to Vitskari Rock Light. The waters of Bear Cove will remain closed (Figure 3).

Terminal Harvest Areas

During the closure period, trolling will remain open to all species in the Herring Bay Troll THA (101-40) and the Anita Bay THA (107-35). Chinook and coho salmon harvested in THAs listed above must be offloaded prior to trolling outside THA boundaries in the hatchery chum salmon fisheries during the troll closure period.

The Nakat Inlet THA (101-10) remains open to troll gear during the closure period for harvest of coho and chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA (112-22) will be open to retention of coho, pink, and sockeye salmon to troll gear during the August troll fishery closure. The THA during the closure period is defined in 5 AAC 33.374(e) as:

Hidden Falls THA (112-22): waters within one nautical mile from shore south of 57°15.00' N lat, north of 57°10.00' N lat, and west of a line from 57°15.00' N lat, 134°48.60' W long, to 57°10.00' N lat, 134°46.40' W long (Figure 4), with the following exception:

Waters north and west of a line from regulatory markers located at 57°13.17' N lat, 134°51.86' W long to 57°13.08' N lat, 134°52.02' W long, and the waters north of a line from 57°13.05' N lat, 134°52.24' W long, to 57°13.06' N lat, 134°52.20' W long will remain closed.

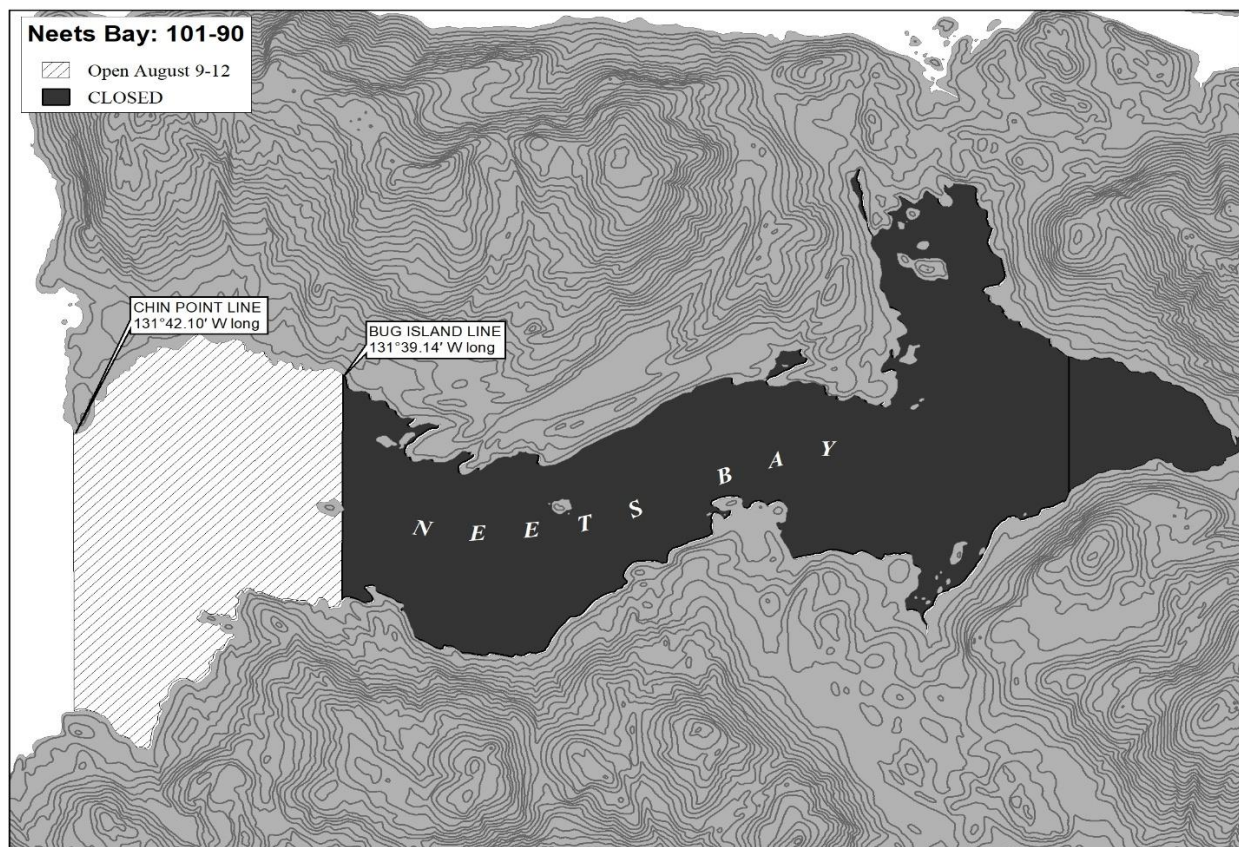


Figure 1.—Waters open to chum trolling in Neets Bay during coho closure.

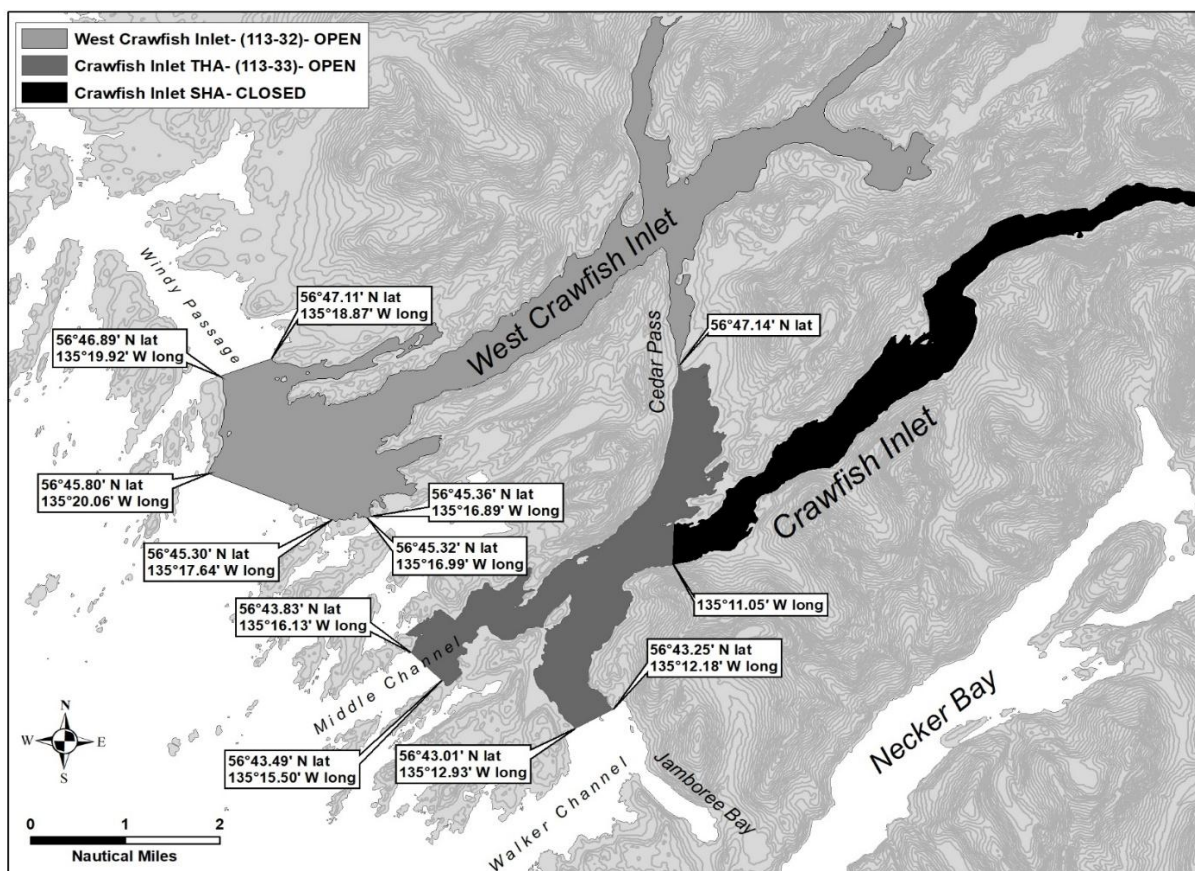


Figure 2.—Waters open to chum trolling in Crawfish Inlet THA and West Crawfish Inlet during coho closure.

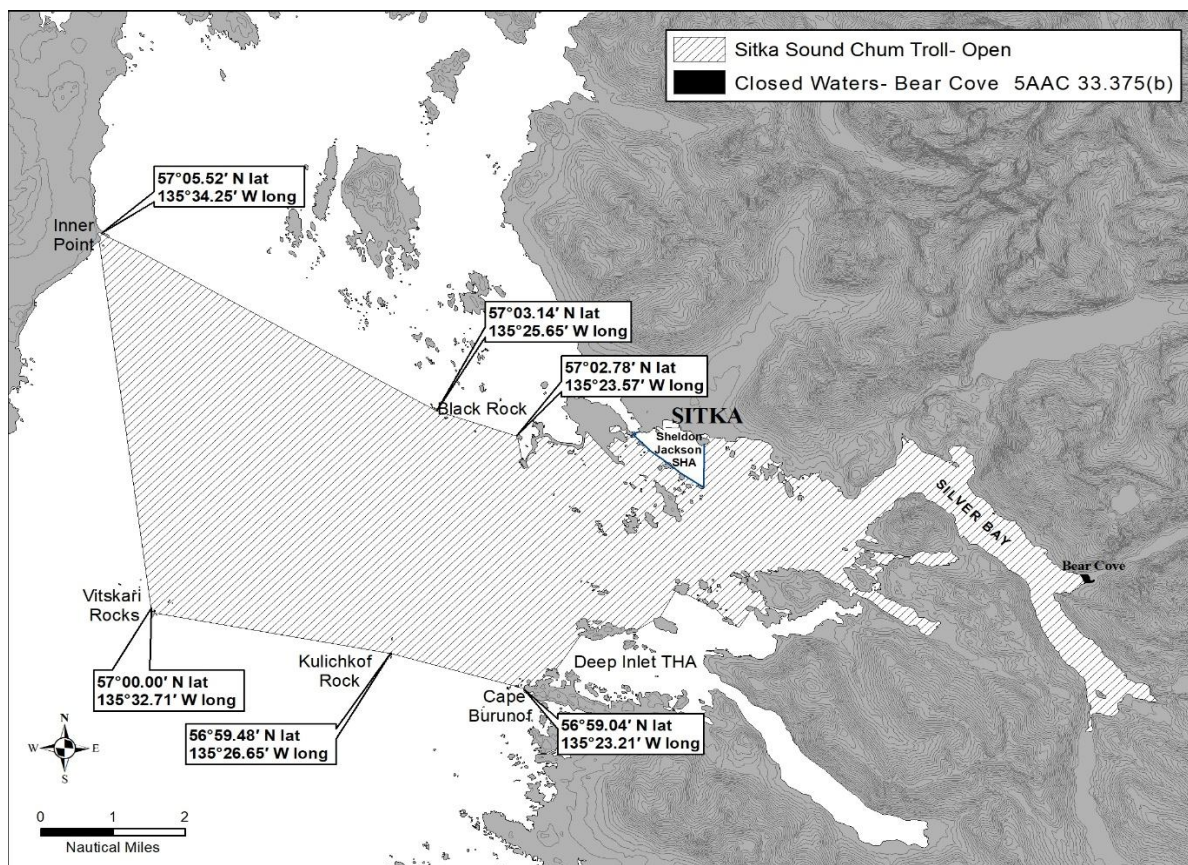


Figure 3.—Waters open to chum trolling in Sitka Sound during troll coho closure.

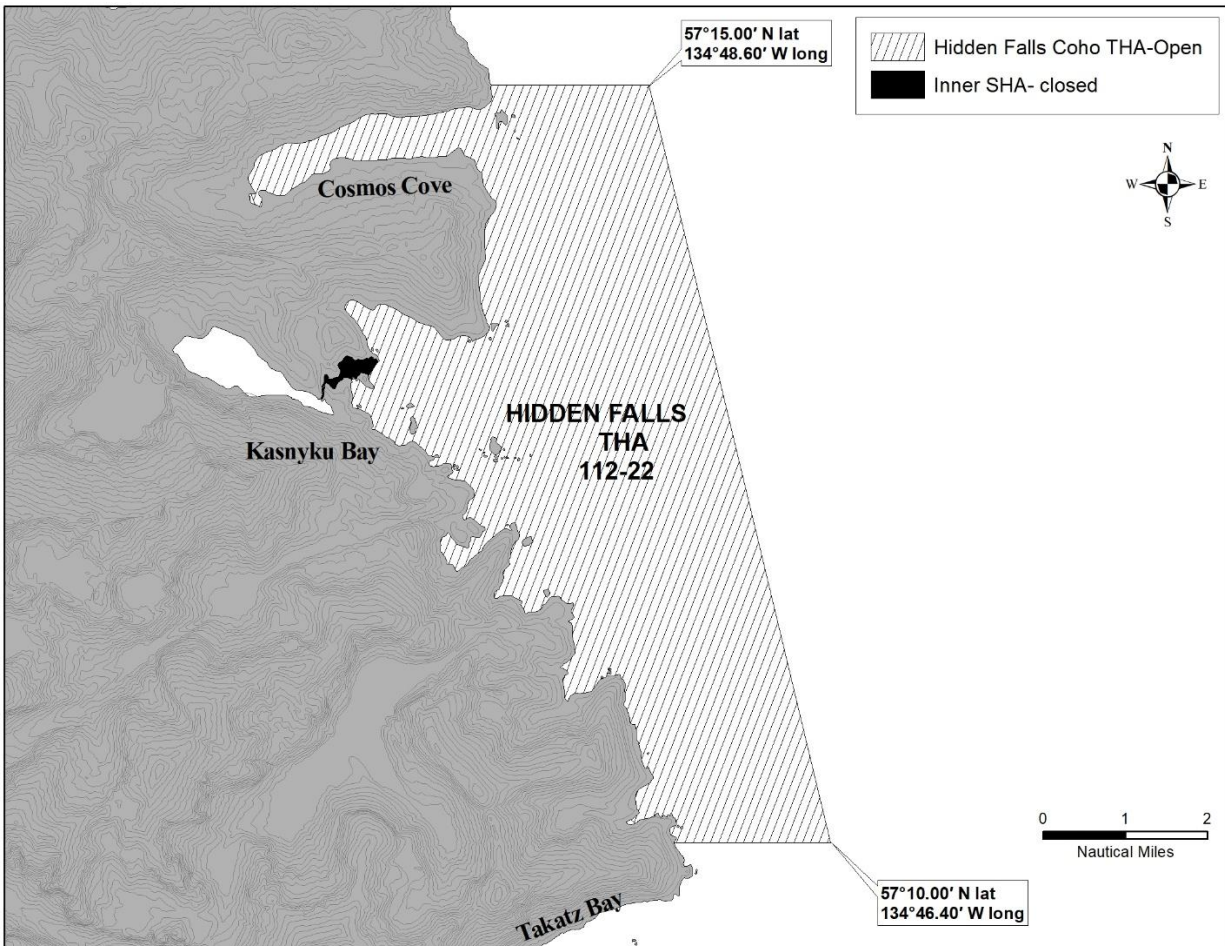


Figure 4.—Waters open to coho, pink, and sockeye salmon trolling in Hidden Falls THA during troll closure.

The 2026 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement 1S5426, 1E2726.

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

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