



Advisory Announcement

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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) common property fisheries open waters and fishing schedules for the 2024 season.

The Deep Inlet THA is scheduled to open on June 1, 2024. NSRAA is projecting a total run of 10,000 Chinook, 28,000 coho, and 2,454,000 chum salmon to the Medvejie Hatchery and Deep Inlet THA in 2024. This season, 122,500 chum salmon are needed for broodstock; NSRAA does anticipate conducting cost recovery operations in the Deep Inlet THA beginning June 1. To accommodate cost recovery operations, a portion of the Deep Inlet THA will be closed to all common property harvest beginning June 1. This area may reopen during the season based on the progression of the cost recovery harvest. Additionally, a portion of the Deep Inlet THA may be closed in late August to facilitate broodstock collection at Medvejie Hatchery.

Unless modified by subsequent advisory announcement, salmon may be taken in the Deep Inlet THA from Saturday, June 1 through Friday, September 20, 2024 as follows:

Purse Seine

- From June 1 through August 17, the purse seine fishery will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.
- From August 18 through September 20, the purse seine fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.

Drift Gillnet

- From June 1 through August 17, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.
- From August 18 through September 20, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.

Troll

- From June 1 through September 20, the troll fishery will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Saturday of each week and during those periods the net fisheries are closed.
- Additionally, From June 1 through June 15 only, the troll fishery will be open continuously within the boundaries of the Deep Inlet THA west of 135°20.75' W long.

Trollers are reminded that all fish retained within the boundaries of the Deep Inlet THA listed below must be reported as being harvested in statistical area 113-38.

The Deep Inlet THA is described as follows:

Deep Inlet THA: Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of a line from a point west of Pirate Cove at 56°59.35' N lat, 135°22.63' W long to the westernmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.98' N lat, 135°21.93' W long to the easternmost tip of Long Island at 56°59.95' N lat, 135°20.37' W long to the westernmost tip of Emgeten Island at 57°00.08' N lat, 135°20.01' W long to the westernmost tip of Error Island at 57°00.54' N lat, 135°19.50' W long to the westernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.32' N lat, 135°18.68' W long to the southernmost tip of Berry Island at 57°00.28' N lat, 135°18.52' W long to the westernmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.14' N lat, 135°18.27' W long to the easternmost tip of the southernmost island in the Kutchuma Island group at 57°00.06' N lat, 135°17.95' W long to the westernmost tip of an unnamed island at 57°00.29' N lat, 135°17.66' W long to a point on the southern side of the unnamed island at 57°00.07' N lat, 135°16.80' W long to a point on the Baranof Island Shore at 56°59.93' N lat, 135°16.53' W long. with the following restrictions:

Sandy Cove: all waters south of 56°59.05' N lat will be closed to purse seine and drift gillnet gear.

Deep Inlet THA: will be closed west of 135°20.75' W long to purse seine and drift gillnet gear from June 1 through June 15.

Deep Inlet: will be closed south and east of a line from 56°59.09' N lat, 135°18.35' W long to 56°59.23' N lat, 135°18.25' W long to purse seine, drift gillnet, and troll gear.

Deep Inlet THA salmon streams: no restrictions will be in effect for Deep Inlet THA salmon streams (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

Drift gillnet fishermen fishing in the Deep Inlet THA will be required to fish with a **minimum mesh size of 6 inches through June 15** to reduce the harvest of wild sockeye salmon returning to Silver Bay.

By emergency order issued under 5 AAC 39.265, harvesters participating in purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries in the Deep Inlet THA are required to retain all salmon harvested.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

Fishermen are advised that if they have fish on board from other fishing areas outside of the Deep Inlet THA, they should keep them separate for reporting and sampling purposes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Deep Inlet THA: Purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen must retain all Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA. Chinook salmon of any size harvested by both purse seine and drift gillnet fishermen may be sold. Troll fishermen may only retain and sell Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches.

To reduce conflicts with private land owners, NSRAA is requesting that all fishing vessels and tenders not anchor, use high-intensity lights, or tender fish near Berry Island within the Deep Inlet THA; additionally, NSRAA requests that vessels use no-wake speeds when entering Deep Inlet via Silver Point. Additional information and a chart of preferred anchorage areas is available from the NSRAA office or online at <https://www.nsraa.org/>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0324.

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

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