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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA).

The troll fishery in Neets Bay has been modified and changes are bolded below.

The Neets Bay THA is those waters of Neets Bay east of the easternmost tip of Bug Island. From Sunday, June 11, through Tuesday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. longitude until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Troll:

From 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 10, the Neets Bay THA was open for trolling in those waters of Neets Bay west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. **Troll was reopened on Sunday, June 11 and closed on Monday, June 12, at 12:00 noon.**

Troll will be open from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 14, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26, in those waters of the THA west of the closed waters at the head of the bay and east of the longitude of Chin Point.

From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, the Neets Bay THA will be open to troll gear west of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and east of the longitude of Chin Point, unless closed by emergency order.

Net Fisheries:

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 1, through 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 10, in those waters of Neets Bay west of the closed waters at the head of the bay.

From Sunday, June 11, through Monday, June 26, 2017, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear as follows:

Drift Gillnet:

12:00 noon, Sunday, June 11, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12;
 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 18;
 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 22, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 23;

Purse Seine:

6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15;
 12:00 noon, Monday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 20;
 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26.

All Commercial Fisheries:

The Neets Bay THA will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 1**, so that cost recovery and brood stock collection can take place. If additional openings can be scheduled they will be announced by News Release once cost recovery has been completed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0117.

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