



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST COVE TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Northern Southeast Alaska Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) commercial fishing open waters and fishing schedules in the Southeast Cove terminal harvest area (THA) for the 2024 season.

NSRAA is forecasting a total run of 215,000 summer chum salmon to the Southeast Cove THA (Figure 1). A portion of the run may be harvested in common property fisheries in Chatham Strait.

The Southeast Cove THA consists of the waters of Keku Strait enclosed by a line from a rocky point on the northern end of Kuiu Island located on the east side of Southeast Cove at 56°52.92' N lat, 134°01.49' W long to the northern tip of Hound Island at 56°53.12' N lat, 133°56.83' W long, then northwest connecting points along the northern shore of Keku Islands at 56°53.98' N lat, 133°57.69' W long to 56°55.85' N lat, 134°01.00' W long to 56°55.85' N lat, 134°02.21' W long to 56°55.20' N lat, 134°02.66' W long, then to the northwest corner of Payne Island at 56°57.40' N lat, 134°08.82' W long, then south to a point on Kuiu Island at 56°55.02' N lat, 134°09.26' W long.

Purse seine: will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday and Thursday each week from Sunday, June 16, 2024, through Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Drift gillnet: will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday each week from Tuesday, June 18, 2024, through Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Troll: will be open from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Monday, Friday, and Saturday each week from 12:01 a.m., Monday, June 17, 2024, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Cost recovery will occur in the Southeast Cove THA. The harvest goal for the Southeast Cove THA is roughly 60,000 chum salmon. If cost recovery goals cannot be met during days when the purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries are closed, then a brief closure may occur near the peak of the run. The Southeast Cove THA will close to all fisheries Saturday, August 3, 2024. However, if significant numbers of fish remain, additional common property opportunity may be provided via emergency order (EO), or a cost recovery fishery may be implemented dependent on the presence of wild salmon stocks in the area. If closures or additional openings are warranted, they will be announced by advisory announcement.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for the Southeast Cove THA: Chinook salmon retention is permitted in the troll fishery only during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100; trollers may retain and sell only those Chinook salmon that are 28 inches or greater in length. Chinook salmon caught in the purse seine fishery 28 inches or greater in length may only be retained during retention periods established by EO for the Southeast Alaska purse seine fishery and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon harvested in the drift gillnet fishery may be retained and sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0624.

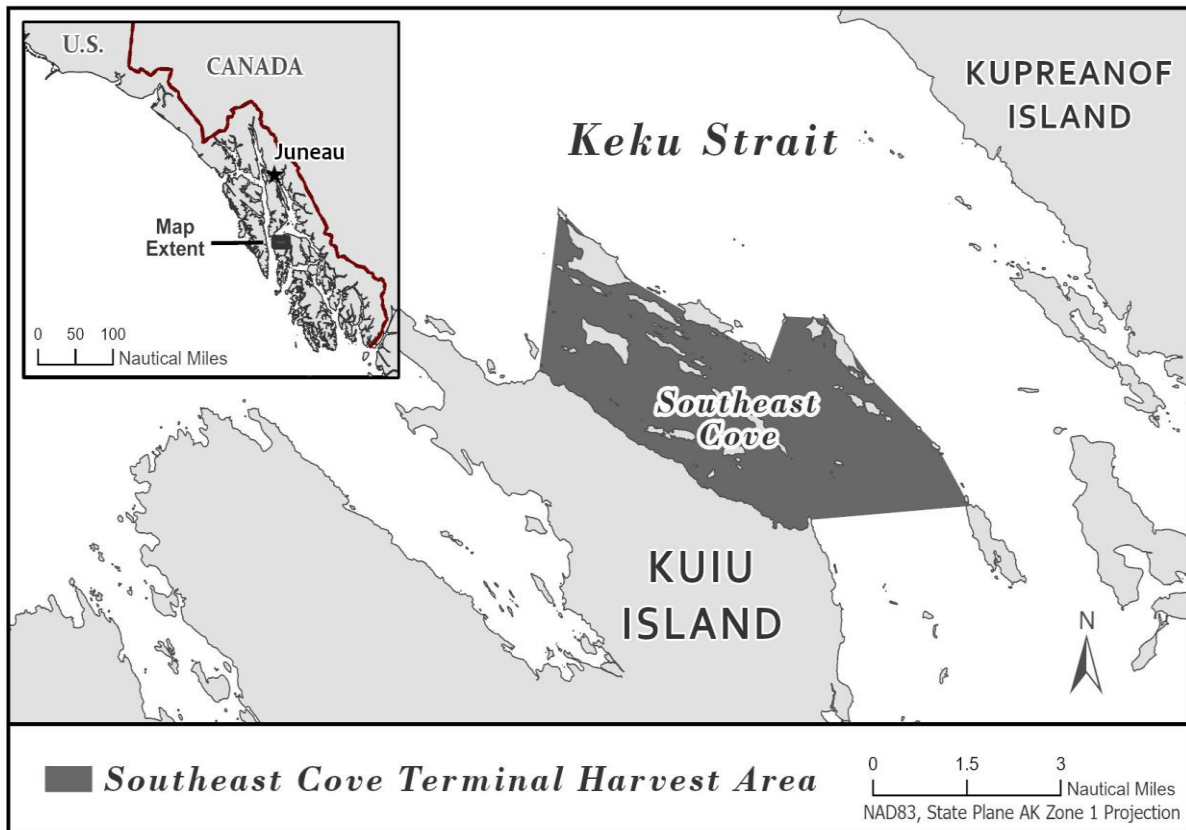


Figure 1.-Map of Southeast Cove THA

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