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ANITA BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT CORRECTION

The Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) advisory announcement dated April 10, 2023, contained several incorrect dates. This announcement corrects those dates and supersedes the announcement issued on April 10.

The Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) is forecasting total runs of 275,000 summer chum, 7,700 Chinook, and 10,100 coho salmon to the Anita Bay release site in 2023. It is anticipated that 112,300 summer chum, 6,200 Chinook, and 4,800 coho salmon will be available for common property harvest in the Anita Bay THA.

The Anita Bay THA is scheduled to close to common property commercial salmon fishing at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 15. SSRAA is currently planning to conduct cost recovery efforts from Sunday, July 16, through Saturday, August 12. If cost recovery objectives are met before August 12, common property fishing could reopen. When cost recovery efforts conclude, the area will reopen to troll gear continuously and to net gear on a rotational schedule beginning with purse seine, through Thursday, August 31. Openings after the conclusion of cost recovery fishing will be announced by a subsequent advisory announcement.

The Anita Bay THA will be open continuously to harvest salmon with troll gear from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 15, and after the conclusion of cost recovery through 11:59 p.m., Friday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will be open to harvest salmon with drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12, then on a rotational basis from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13, through 12:00 noon, Friday, July 14, and after the conclusion of cost recovery through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 31, then concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Friday, September 1, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will close for the season at 11:59 p.m., Friday, November 10, 2023.

The Anita Bay THA consists of those waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68′ N lat, 132°22.48′ W long to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26′ N lat, 132°23.93′ W long.

Waters closed to commercial salmon fishing within the THA include:

- (1) from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12, the waters of the Anita Bay THA north and east of a line from 56°12.90′ N lat, 132°24.51′ W long to 56°12.75′ N lat, 132°23.50′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon with commercial seine and drift gillnet gear;
- (2) from Thursday, June 15, through Sunday, June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (3) from Monday, June 26, through Saturday, July 1, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (4) and from Sunday, July 2, through Monday, July 10, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon.

From 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Monday, July 10, waters within 0.25 nautical mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long to 56°12.06′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long and east of a line from 56°11.96′ N lat, 132°29.57′ W long to 56°11.73′ N lat, 132°29.36′ W long will be open.

Beginning Tuesday, June 13, the following rotation schedules will be in effect through Friday, July 14, unless changed by a subsequent announcement.

Purse Seine

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 14

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 18

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 22

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 30

From 12:00 noon, Monday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4

From 12:00 noon, Friday, July 7, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 8

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 12

Drift Gillnet

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 16

From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 20

From 12:00 noon, Friday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 24

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 28

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 2

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 6

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 9, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 10

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 13, to 12:00 noon, Friday, July 14

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Troll Gear</u>: Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA that are 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 15, during general summer troll Chinook salmon retention periods established under 5 AAC 29.100, and during the winter troll fishery.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Purse Seine Gear</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA may be retained and sold from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 12, and Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained during periods the purse seine fishery is open to the retention of Chinook salmon.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0123.

Advisory announcement website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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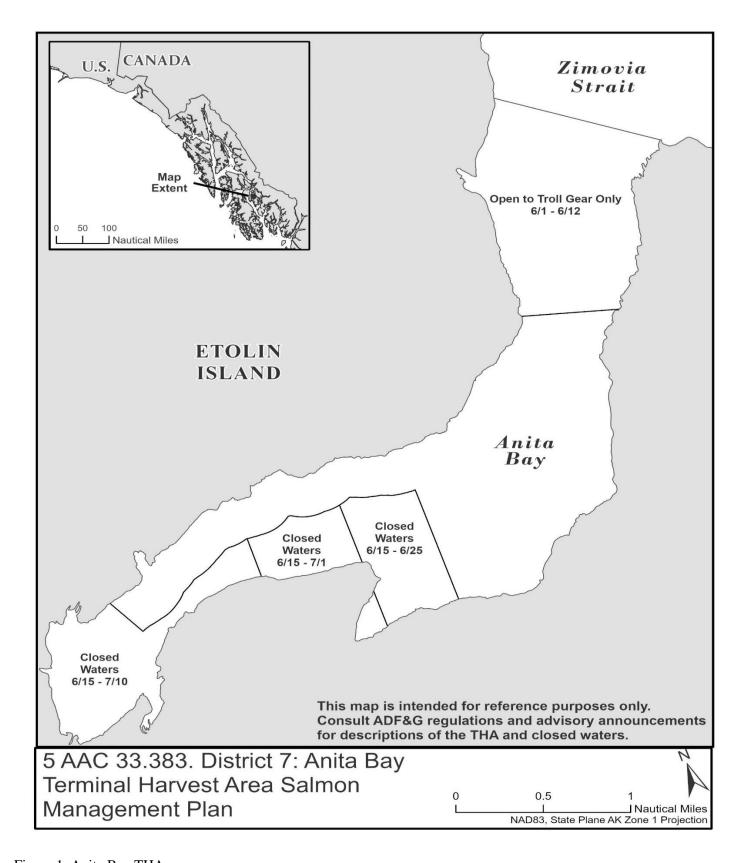


Figure 1. Anita Bay THA