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2023 CARROLL INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) Carroll Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) commercial fishing open area and fishing schedule for the 2023 season.

SSRAA is forecasting a total run of 10,100 Chinook salmon to the Carroll Inlet THA.

The Carroll Inlet THA (101-48) consists of those waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of Nigelius Point at 55°33.50′ N lat. The 500-yard stream closure regulation under 5 AAC 39.290(a)(2) will **NOT** be in effect in the Carroll Inlet THA.

Troll Fishery

The Carroll Inlet THA will be open to troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, June 30, 2023.

Net Fisheries

The Carroll Inlet THA will be open in the waters of Carroll Inlet north of the latitude of 55°34.83' N lat, approximately 1.3 nautical miles (nmi) north of Nigelius Point (Figure 1), to drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 12, 2023. The lower portion of the Carroll Inlet THA is closing to net gear to allow the troll fleet exclusive access from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, 2023. Beginning 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, through 12:00 noon, Friday, June 30, 2023, salmon may be taken in the Carroll Inlet THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear as follows:

Drift Gillnet

12:00 noon, Thursday, June 15, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 16; 12:00 noon, Monday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 20; 12:00 noon, Friday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 24; 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 28.

Purse Seine

12:00 noon, Saturday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 18; 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 22; 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26; 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 30. <u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Troll Gear</u>: Chinook salmon harvested within the Carroll Inlet THA that are 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Net Gear</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested within the Carroll Inlet THA may be retained and sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1E0323.

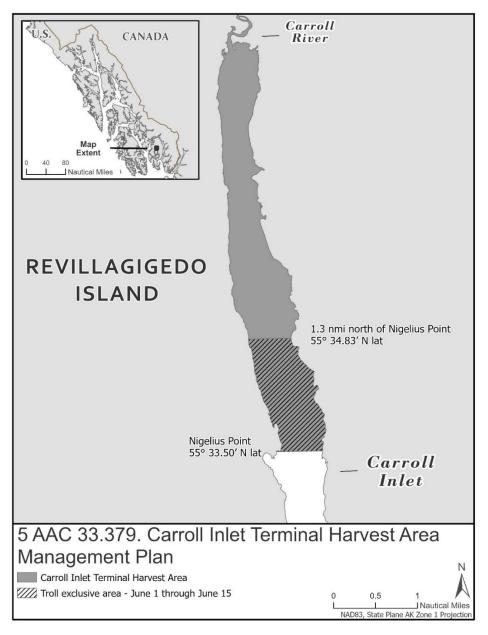


Figure 1. Map of Carroll Inlet THA.

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